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話したいことは山ほどありますが、
とにかく浮かぶ単語は
「本当に有難うございます」です。
この本が出ることになって、
言葉で表現できないくらい、
いろんな人たちに感謝しています。
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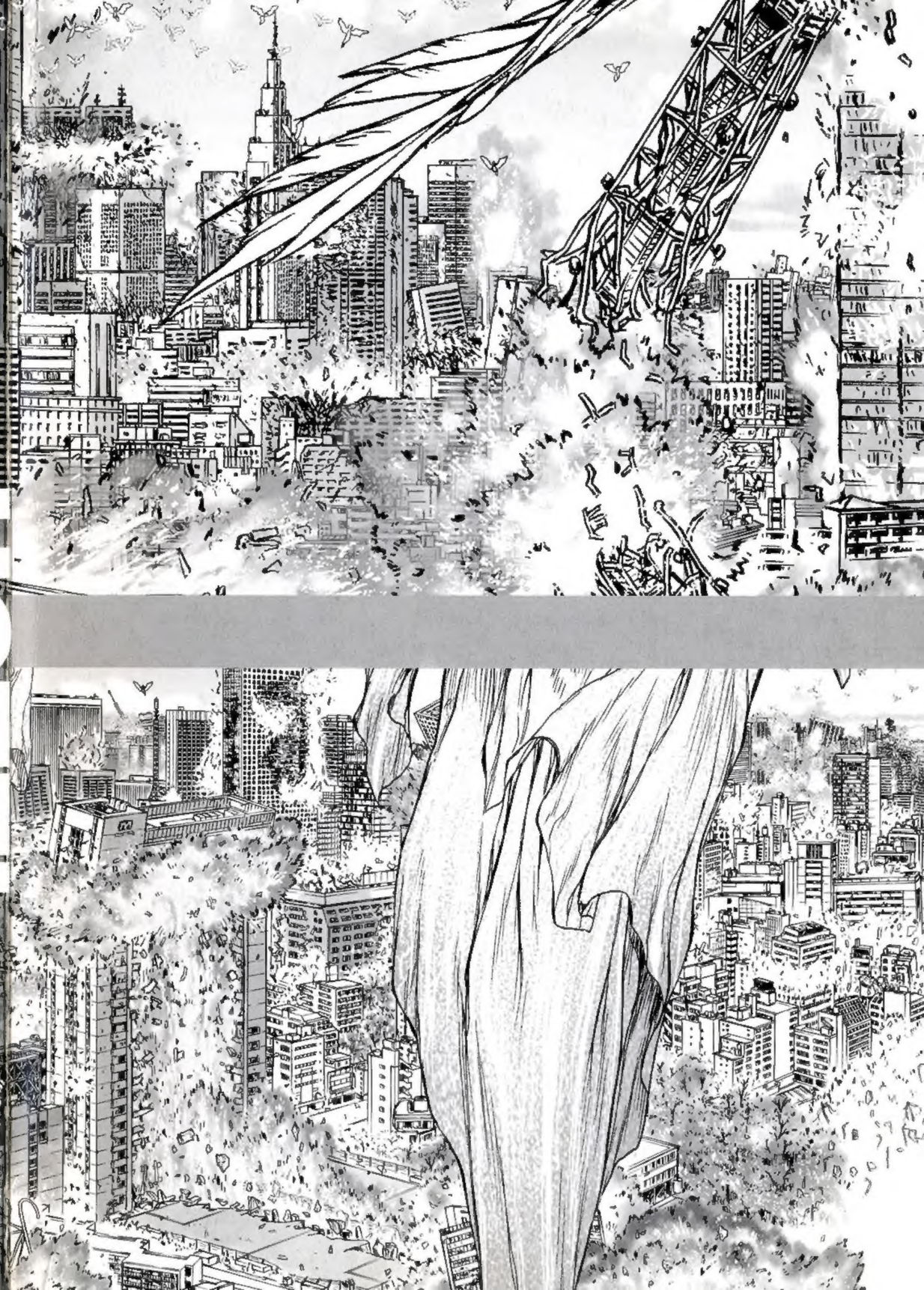

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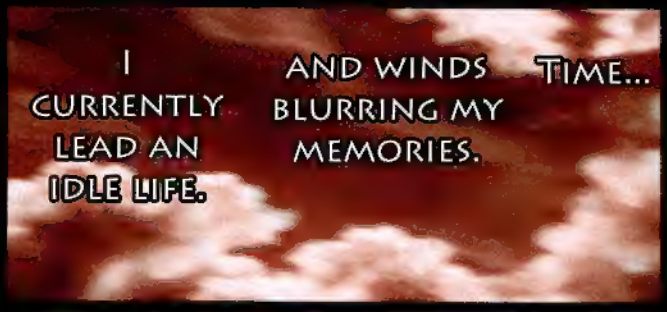

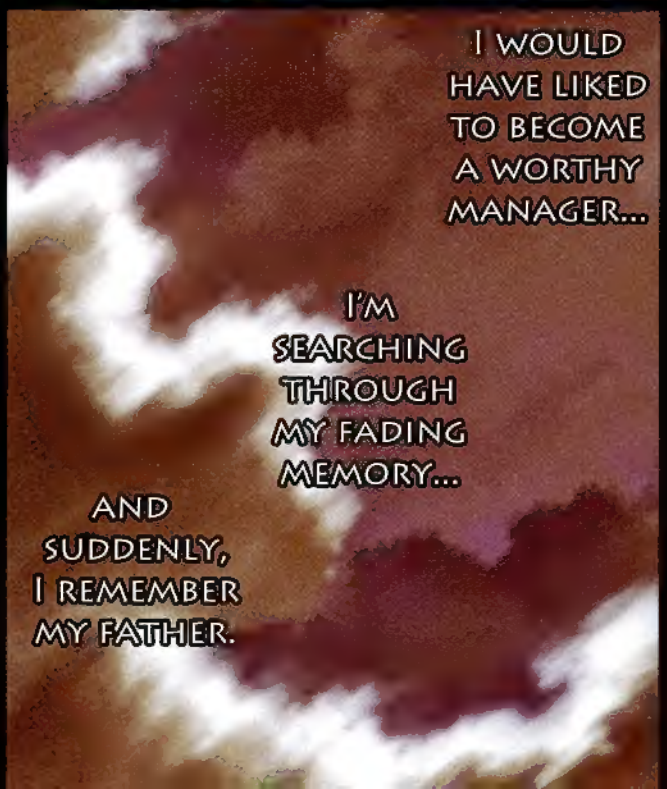

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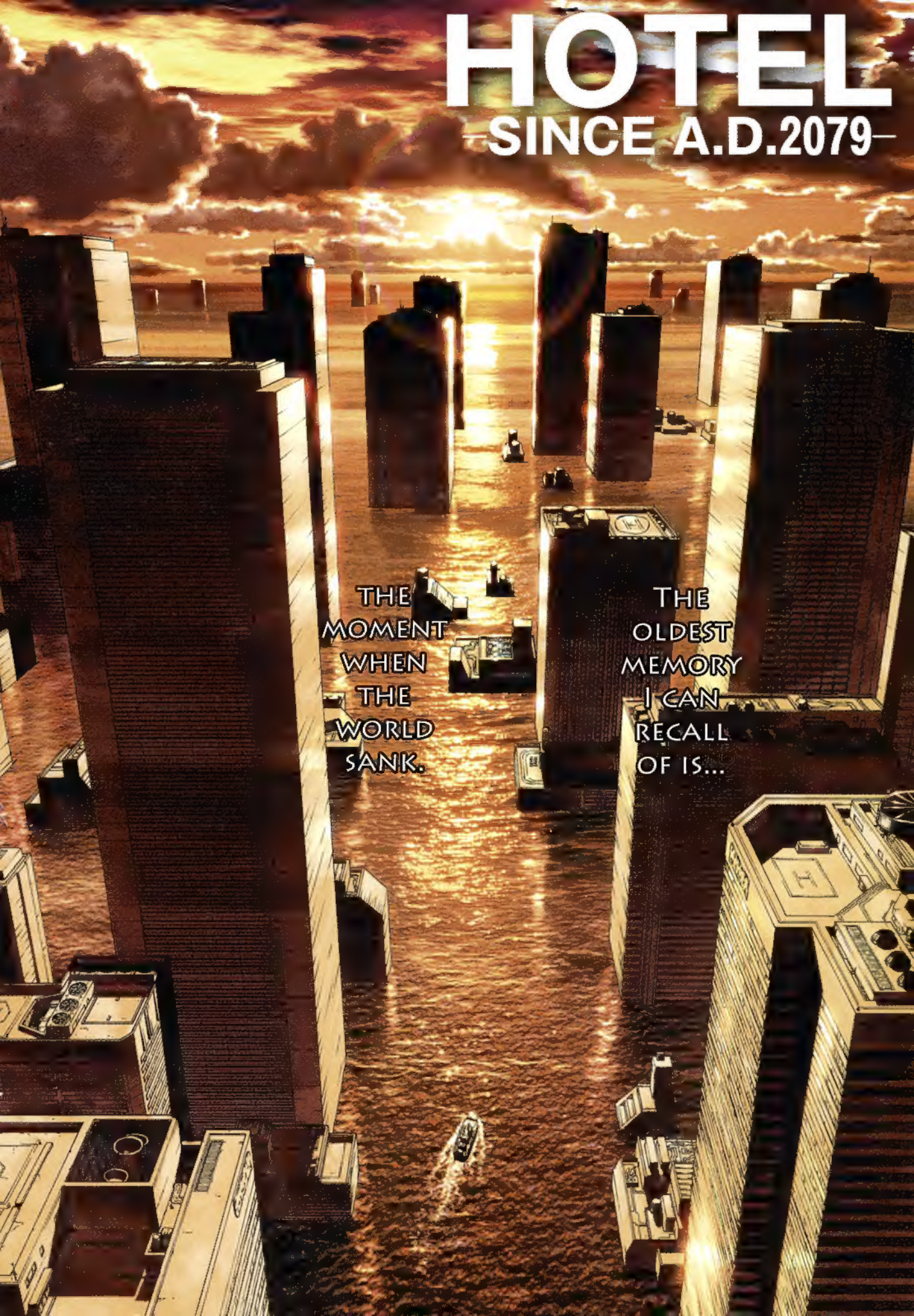
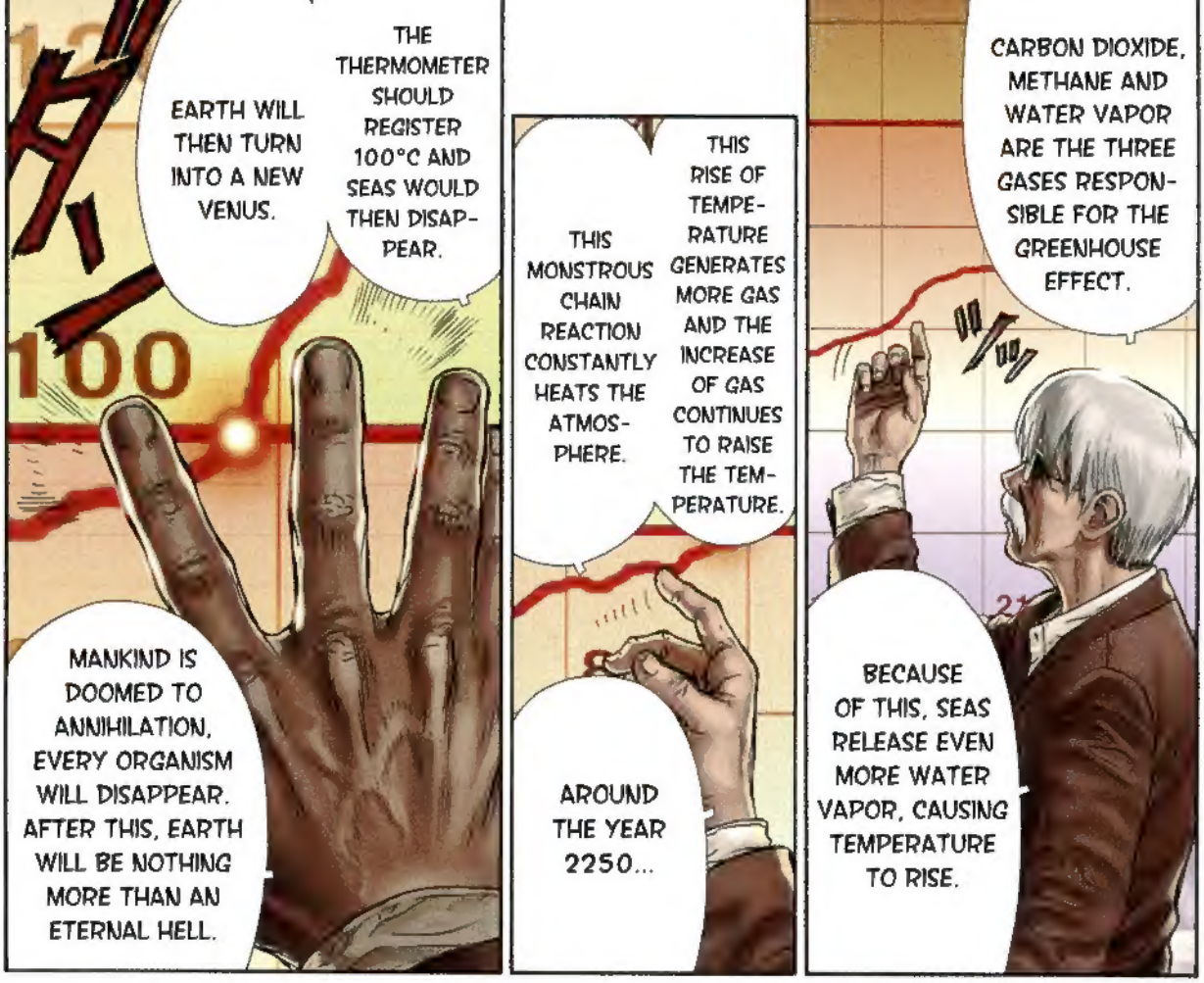

HOTEL
SINCE A.D.2079
THE MOMENT WHEN THE WORLD SANK.
THE OLDEST MEMORY I CAN RECALL OF IS...

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN, DOCTOR DOKINS?
TO SUM UP...
AT2468
HUMANITY HAS FINALLY OPENED...
THE PANDORA'S BOX KNOWN AS "OCEAN".
AND SEAS ARE AN ENDLESS RESERVE OF WATER AN METHANE.
THE PROBLEM COMES FROM THE FACT THAT HUMANITY WARMED THE SEAS.
OUR MEGAPOLIS WERE SUBMERGED BY THE SEA AND HUMANS WERE FORCED TO MIGRATE. BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
THE WASTE OF FOSSIL FUELS LED TO A RISE OF TEMPERA-TURE.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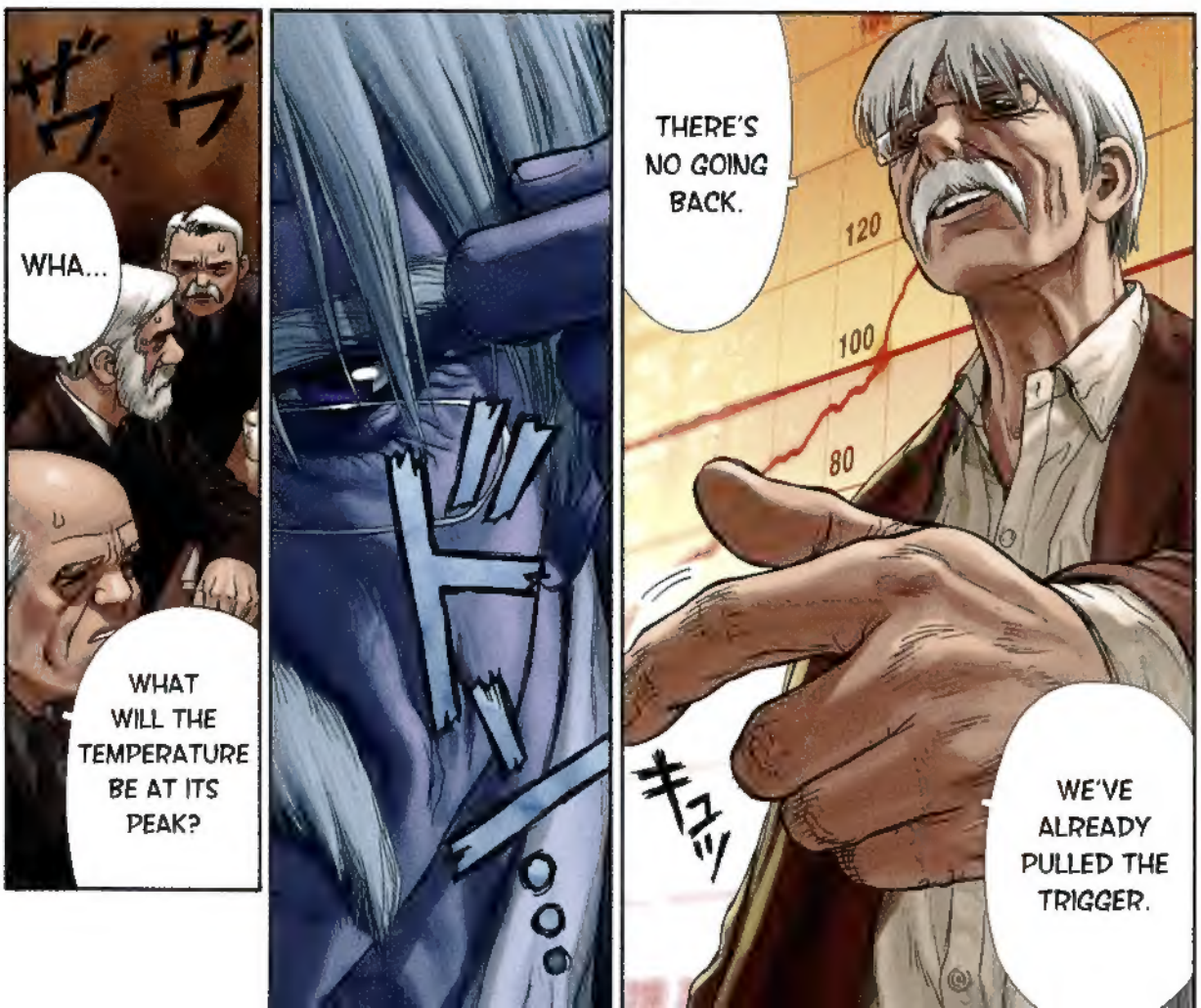
EARTH WILL THEN TURN INTO A NEW VENUS.
THE THERMOMETER SHOULD REGISTER 100°C AND SEAS WOULD THEN DISAPPEAR.
MANKIND IS DOOMED TO ANNIHILATION. EVERY ORGANISM WILL DISAPPEAR. AFTER THIS, EARTH WILL BE NOTHING MORE THAN AN ETERNAL HELL.
THIS MONSTROUS CHAIN REACTION CONSTANTLY HEATS THE ATMOSPHERE.
THIS RISE OF TEMPERATURE GENERATES MORE GAS AND THE INCREASE OF GAS CONTINUES TO RAISE THE TEMPERATURE.
AROUND THE YEAR 2250...
CARBON DIOXIDE, METHANE AND WATER VAPOR ARE THE THREE GASES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT.
BECAUSE OF THIS, SEAS RELEASE EVEN MORE WATER VAPOR, CAUSING TEMPERATURE TO RISE.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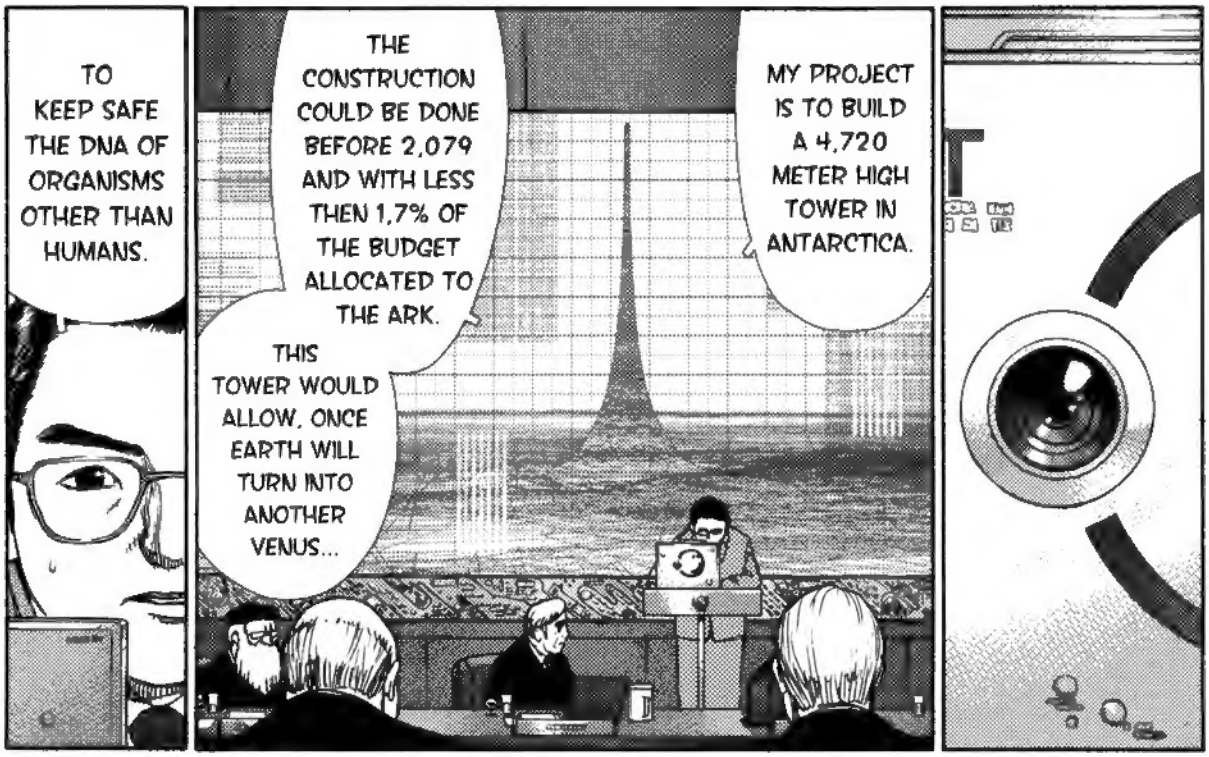
WHA...
WHAT WILL THE TEMPERATURE BE AT ITS PEAK?
THERE'S NO GOING BACK.
120
100
80
WE'VE ALREADY PULLED THE TRIGGER.

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, IT SHOULDN'T EXCEED 270°C.
LUCKILY, IT WON'T BE AS HOT AS VENUS.
HERE'S MY PROPOSITION: BUILDING AN "ARK".
127 LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM HERE LIES A GALAXY WHERE MANKIND COULD SEEK REFUGE.
WITH OUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY...
WE'D NEED 170,000 YEARS TO REACH IT...
THE MAXIMAL CARGO WON'T EXCEED THIRTY TONS.
AND SO, THIS ARK WON'T SAVE THOSE CURRENTLY LIVING NOR THEIR SUCCESSOR.
THE ONLY THINGS THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE ARE OUR SPECIES DNA AND THE MEMORIES OF OUR CIVILI-ZATION.

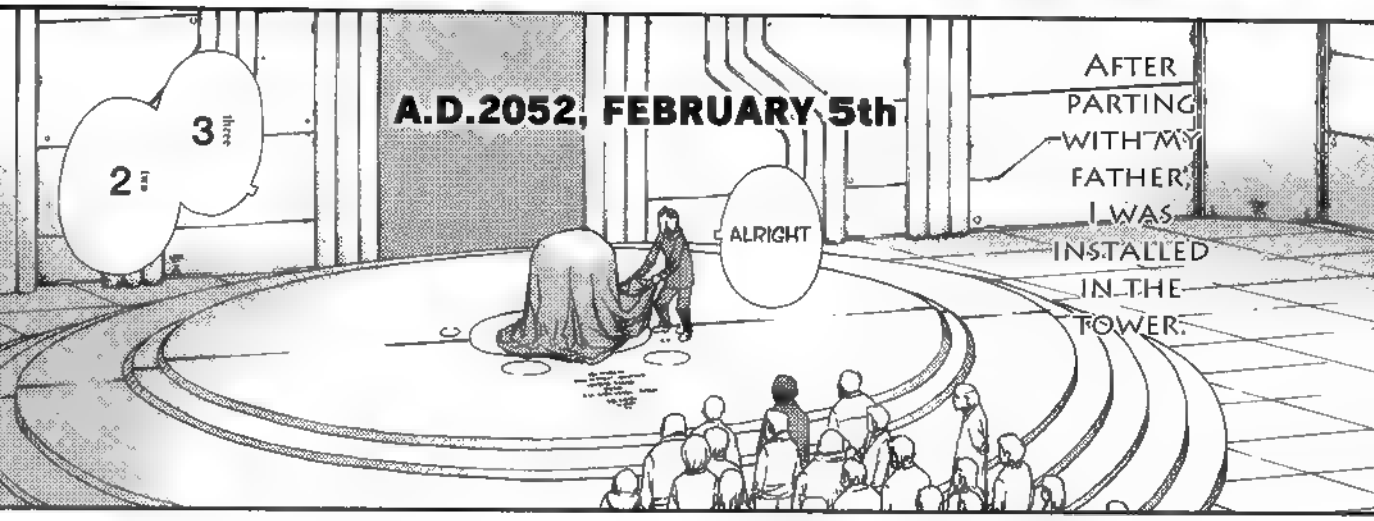
MISTER ANNO?
Y... YES!
THE ONE WHO BROUGHT IT IS MISTER ANNO, A PHD STUDENT WHO'S MAKING RESEARCH FOR ME.
WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER PROPOSAL.


TO KEEP SAFE THE DNA OF ORGANISMS OTHER THAN HUMANS.
THE CONSTRUCTION COULD BE DONE BEFORE 2,079 AND WITH LESS THEN 1,7% OF THE BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE ARK.
THIS TOWER WOULD ALLOW, ONCE EARTH WILL TURN INTO ANOTHER VENUS...
MY PROJECT IS TO BUILD A 4,720 METER HIGH TOWER IN ANTARCTICA.

THIS TOWER'S ONLY AIM IS...
AND IT'S ALSO USELESS TO BELIEVE THAT THE STORED DNA WOULD ALLOW THE RETURN OF LIFE.
THERE IS NO HOPE FOR EARTH'S ENVIRON-MENT TO RECOVER...
THEN WHY CAN'T WE KEEP OUR DNA?
DOES THAT MEAN THAT ONE DAY THE EARTH WILL RECOVER?
NO...

FOR HUMANITY'S MISTAKES
TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY
THAT'S ALL THERE IS
A.D.2031, APRIL
THE TOWER'S CONSTRUCTION BEGAN.
AND THEIR TEACHER AND MYSELF WERE IN CHARGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.
AS FOR THE WAY ONE OF THESE STUDENTS
THEREAFTER, THE DOCTOR ABANDONED HIS WILL
THIS DOCTOR DENIES ALL OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY EVEN TO HIS BURIALS.

BECAUSE OF A DESPERATE MAN, THE FIRST METHANE BUBBLE WAS SET ABLAZE IN AN IMMENSE PILAR OF FIRE.
A.D.2038, MAY
KUHA HAHA HAH...
IT'S THE END OF IT ALL!
METHANE BEGUN TO GUSH OUT OF THE SEA'S GREAT DEPTHS.


A.D.2052, FEBRUARY 5th
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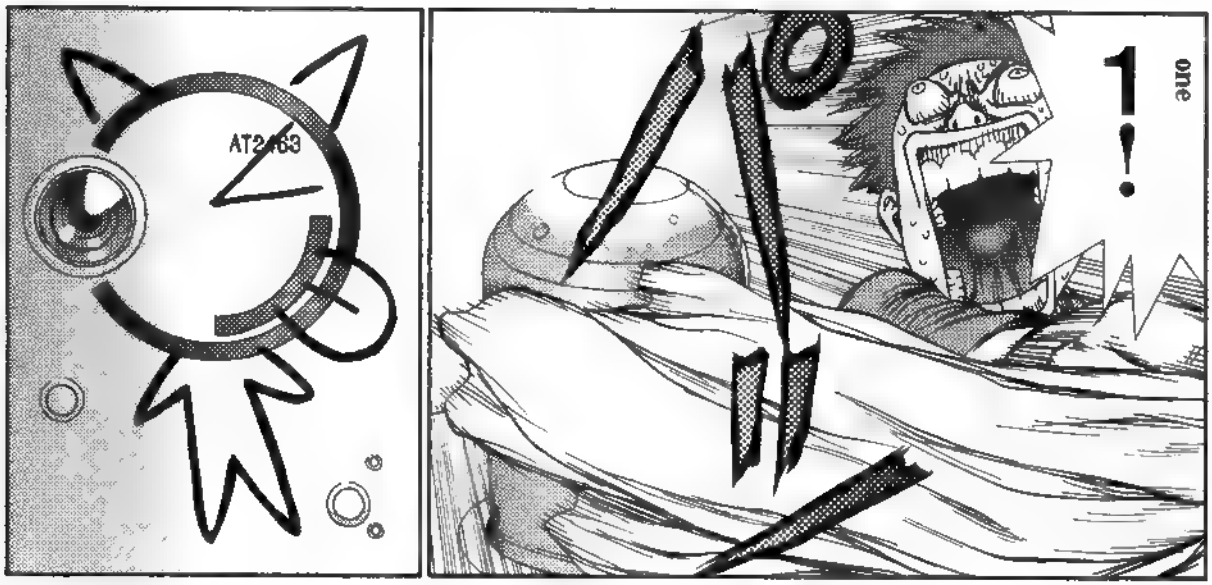
ALRIGHT
AFTER PARTING WITH MY FATHER, I WAS INSTALLED IN THE TOWER.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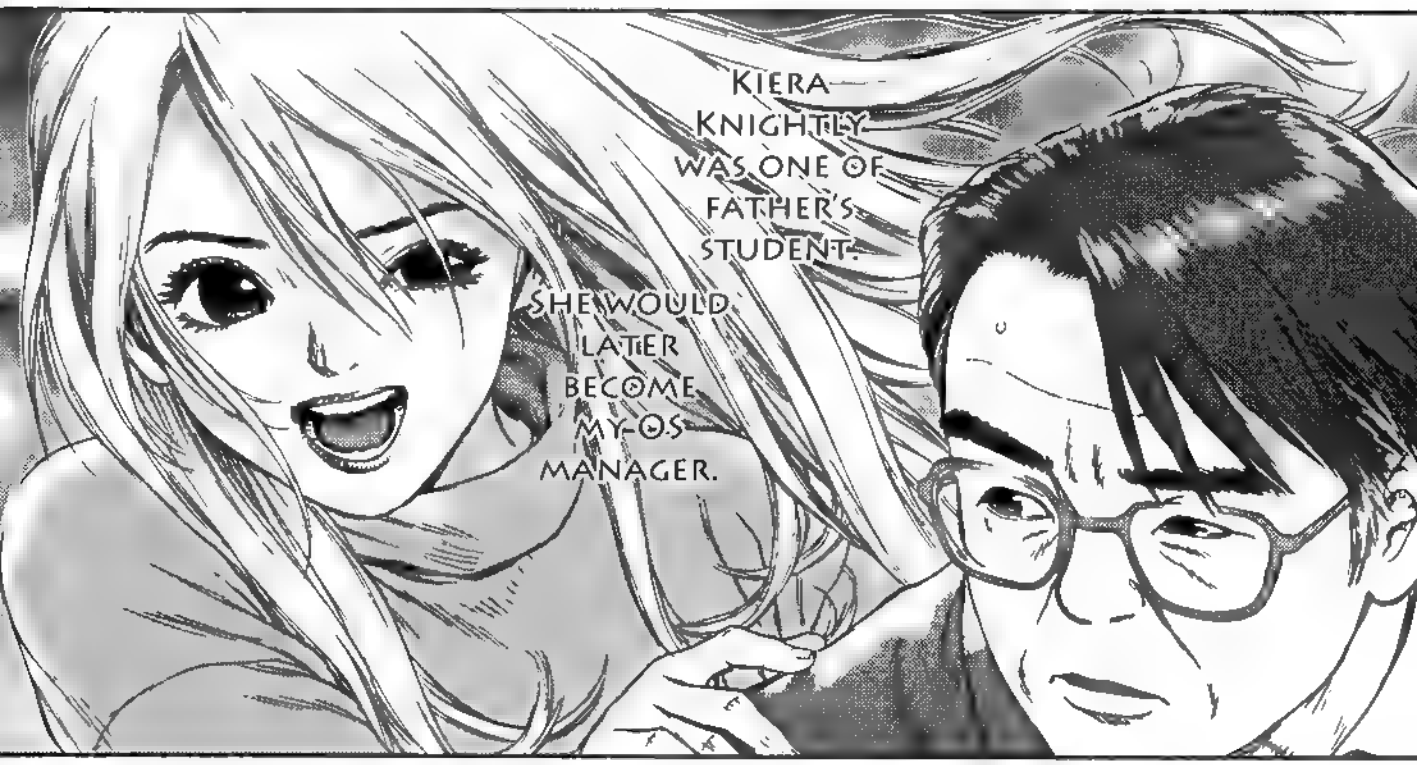
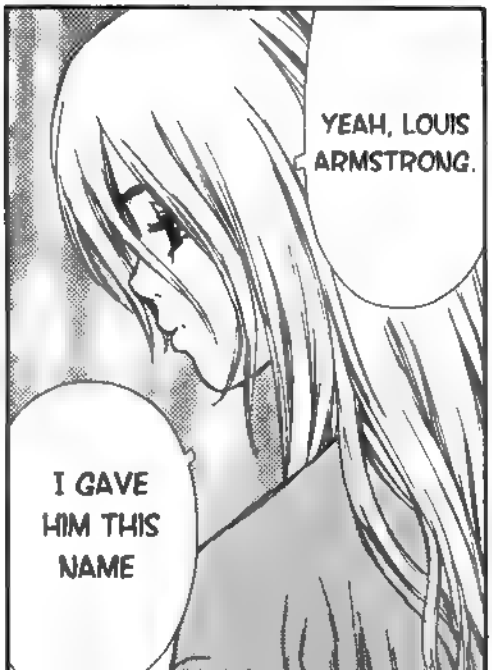
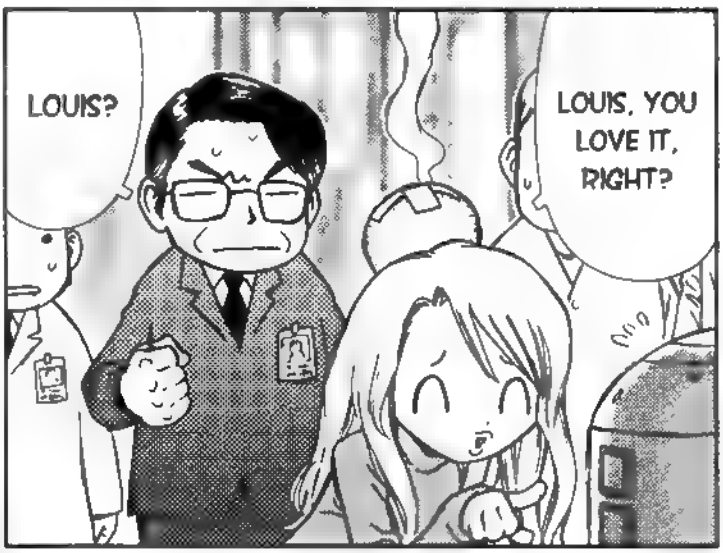
HIHIHI!!
KIERA! WHERE IS SHE!?
IT'S KIERA!

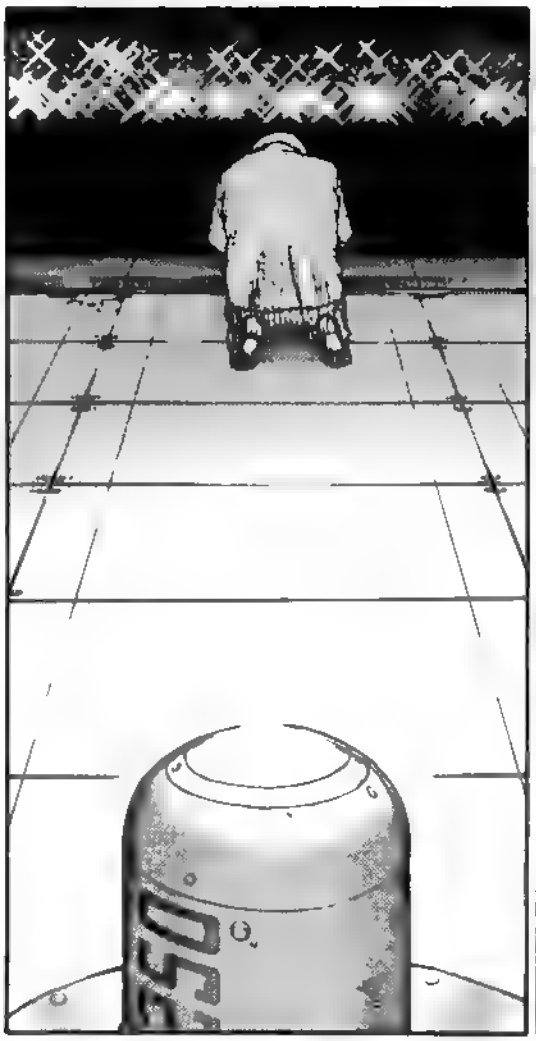

KIERA KNIGHTLY WAS ONE OF FATHER'S STUDENT.
SHE WOULD LATER BECOME MY-OS MANAGER.


YEAH, LOUIS ARMSTRONG.
I GAVE HIM THIS NAME


LOUIS?
LOUIS, YOU LOVE IT, RIGHT?

WHENEVER I LOOK AT THIS TOWER IT REMINDS ME OF THE SONG "WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD"
THAT'S WHY I CHOSE TO CALL HIM "LOUIS"
A WOMAN'S POWER IS GREAT.
FROM THEN ON, EVERYBODY CALLED ME "LOUIS"

A.D.2060, JULY 28th
THE AMOUNT OF VISITORS COMING TO [illegible] HOTEL WENT OUT THE CHART SINCE THE OUTBREAK
YOU THINK THAT FLIES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMANS?
PRESERVE OUR CHILD'S DNA!
WHAT USE IS THAT THING?



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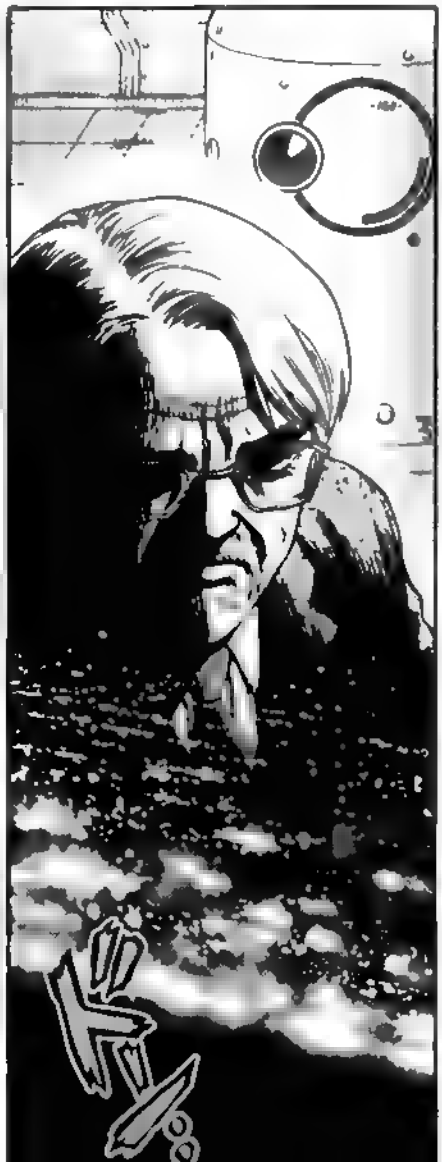

A.D.2068, DECEMBER
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LOUIS...
What do you need, Professor Knightly?
I'D LIKE YOU TO PRESERVE THIS FOR ME
What is it?
THE DNA OF DOCTOR ANNO'S CHILD.
I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE IT.
AS HE CHOSE NOT TO STORE IT ON THE ARK...
KEEP IT SAFE FOREVER
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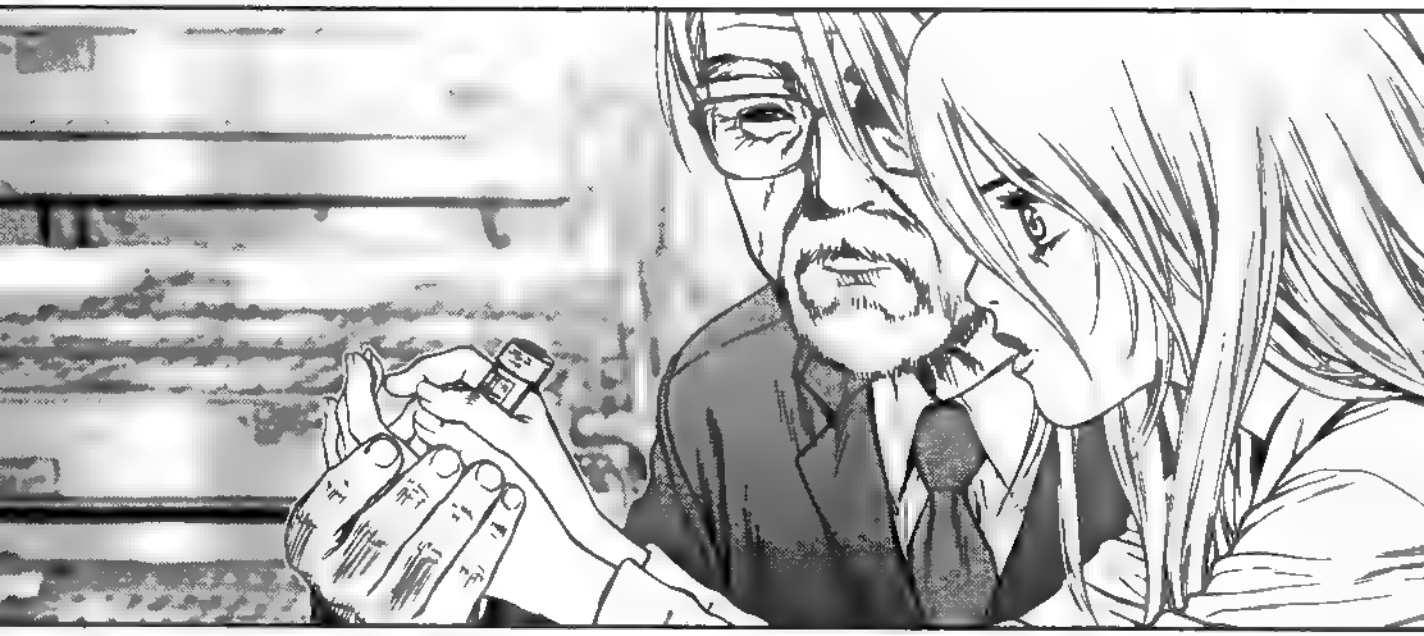
PLEASE...



TO BEAR THE SAME FATE AS THESE POOR MEN
LISTEN KIERA, A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKED ME TO KEEP THEIR MARKING, BUT I ALWAYS REFUSED
IS THE PATH THAT WE MUST FOLLOW, ISN'T IT?
Shh

DOCTOR
WE'RE GOING TO DIE SOON ANYWAY, NO?

BUT... THIS IS...
THIS IS...
THIS IS OUR BABY!

SORRY...

MY FATHER'S GENETIC MARKING WASN'T AMONG THE 140,000 HUMAN DNA STRANDS STORED.
IN THE YEAR 2079, THE ARK LEFT THE EARTH'S ORBIT AND WENT TO REACH A FARAWAY PLANET.
A.D.2079, SEPTEMBER
MY FATHER DIED THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

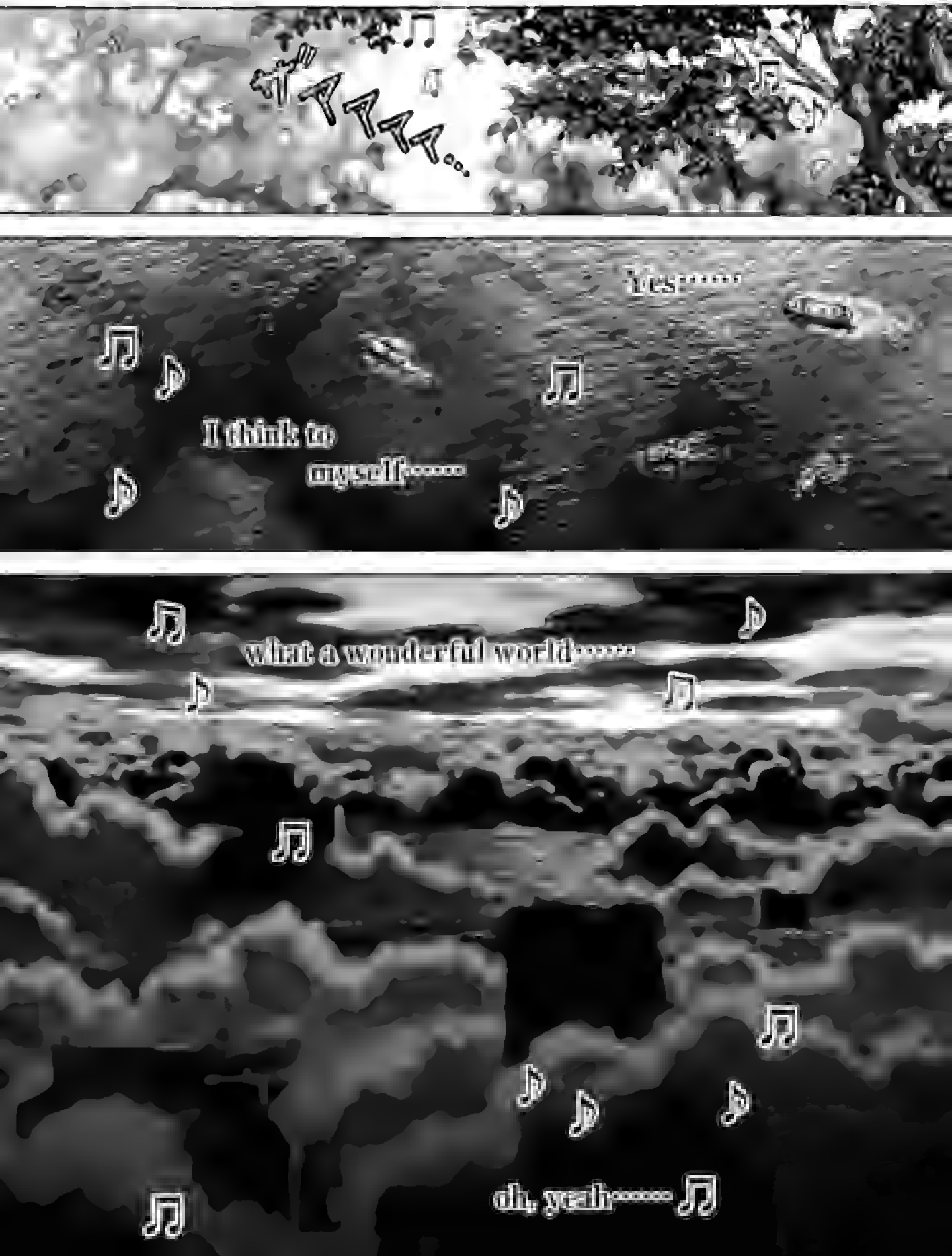
I'll hum you a song as farewell.
Professor Knightly, are you leaving?
I see trees of green……
ISN'T IT "WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD"?
FU...
red roses too……
STAY STRONG...
I watch'em bloom for me and you……
HERE, A PRESENT TO THANK YOU

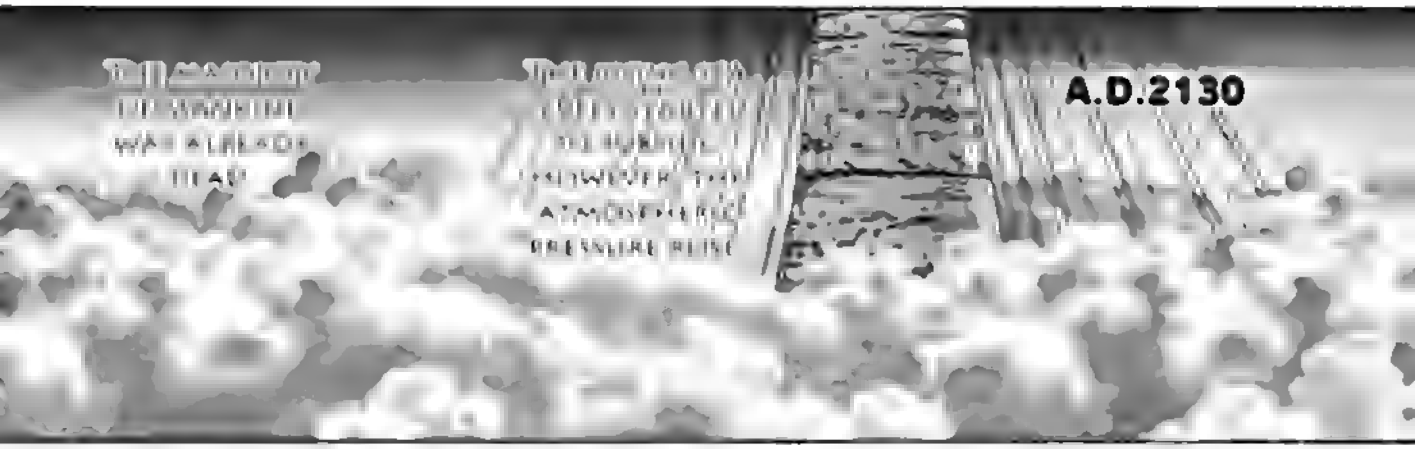
forget you...
Funny
I will never...

And I think to myself what a wonderful world
And I think to myself
I see skies of blue clouds of white
Bright blessed days warm sacred nights
what a wonderful world.....

The colors of a rainbow
so pretty in the sky
Are there on the faces
of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
sayin' how do you do
They're really sayin'
I love you

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
than I'll ever known
And I think to myself
what a wonderful world


Yes……
I think to myself……
What a wonderful world……
Oh, yeah……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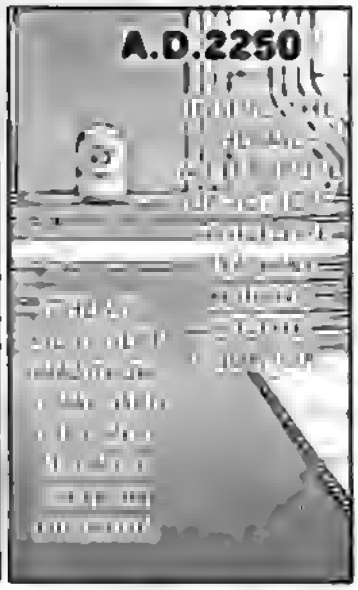
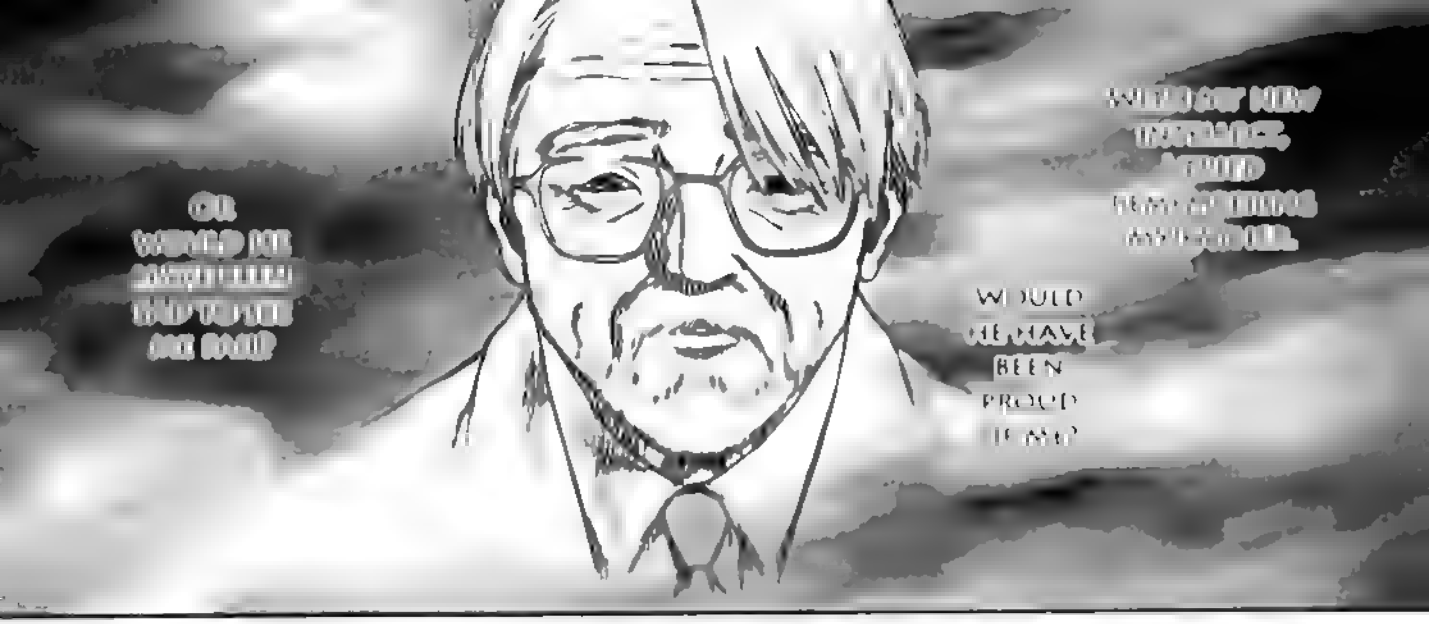
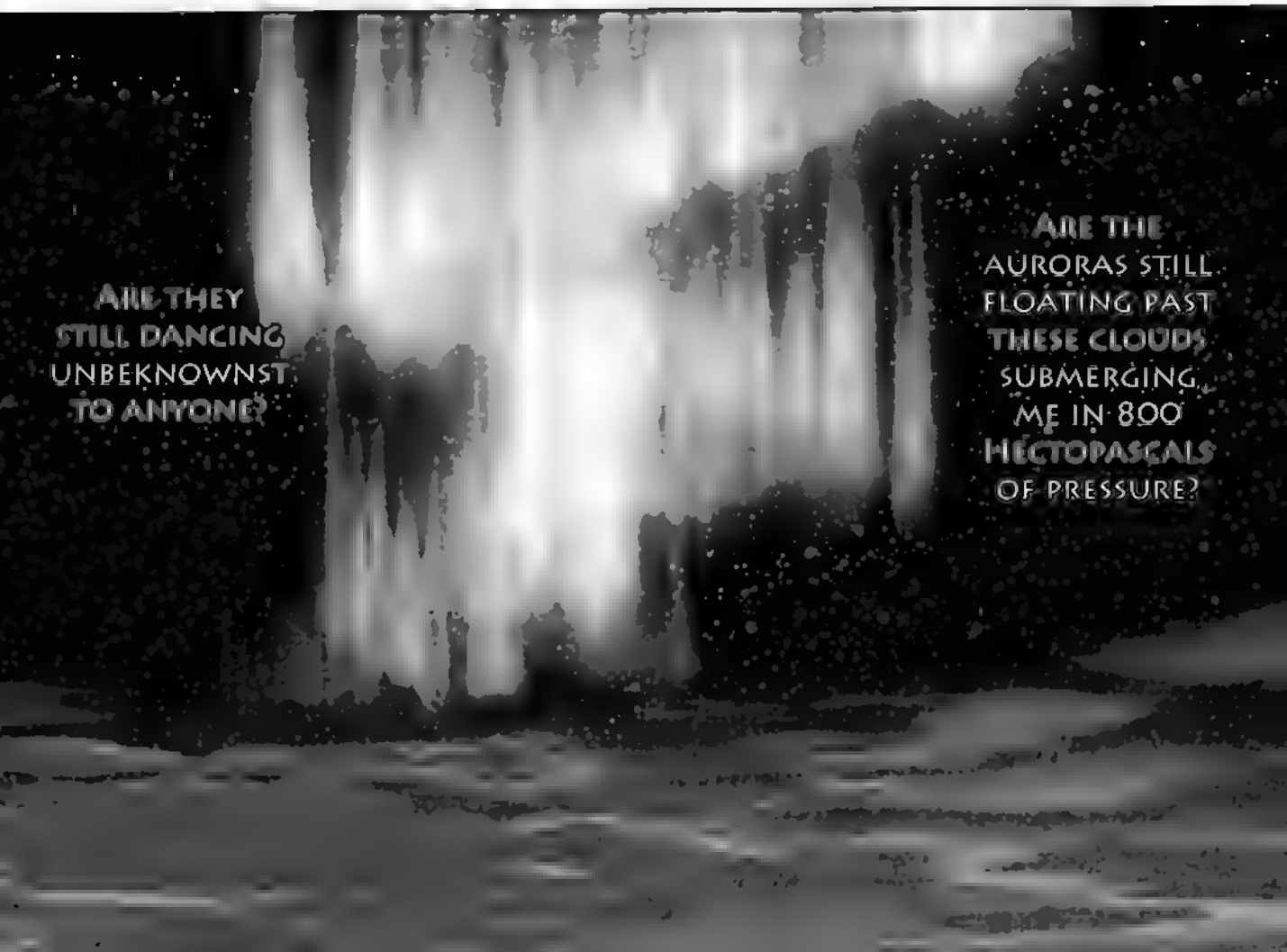

A.D.2250

THE MOTEL WAS NOW BURIED IN CLOUDS AND NEVER ENDING STORMS

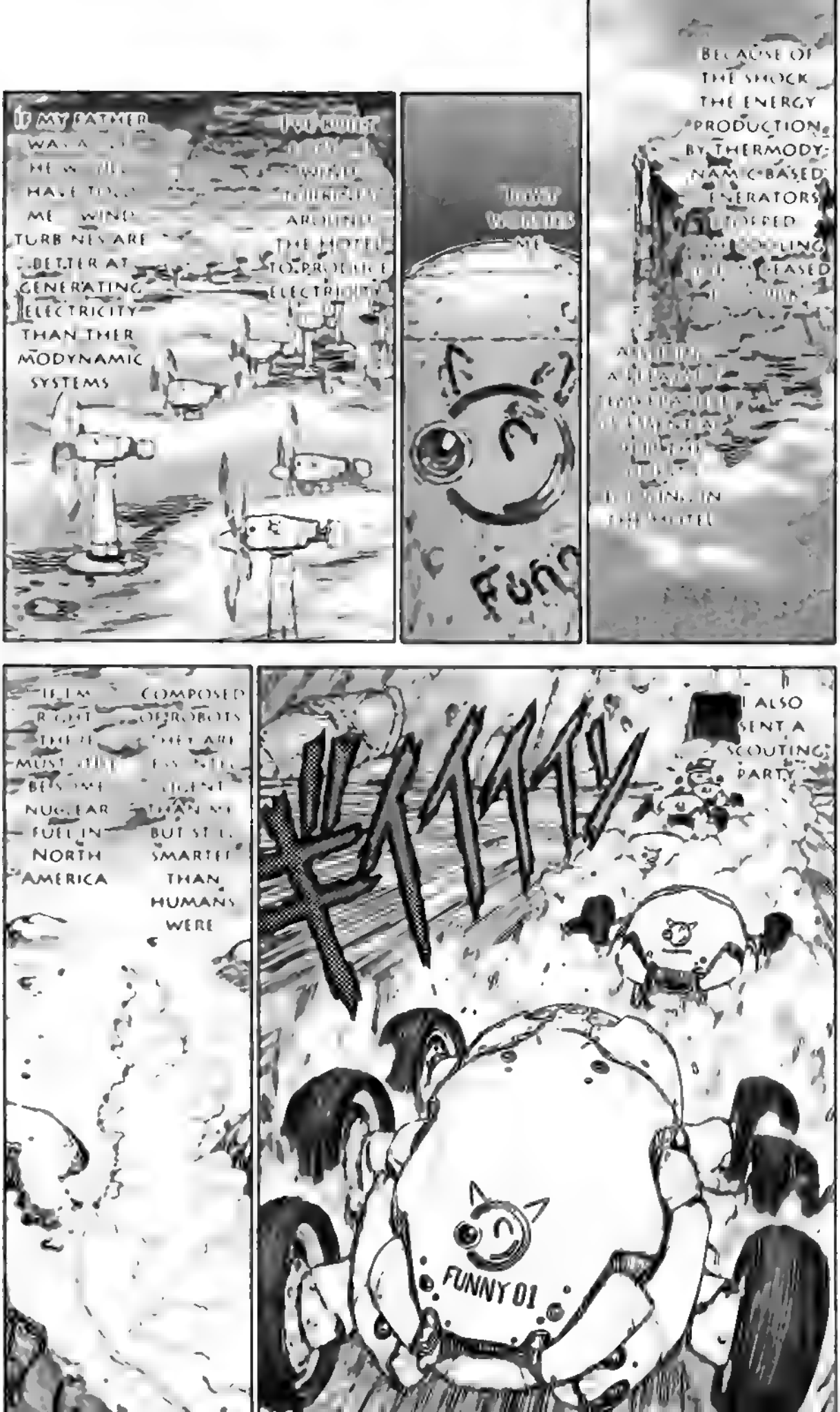
A.D.2323 APRIL
A.D.2372
A.D.2543
Fifteen years later I made a ground breaking discovery. I changed all my components and am now smarter
I redrew my face the one that mother gave me
Funny


WOULD HE HAVE BEEN PROUD OF ME?

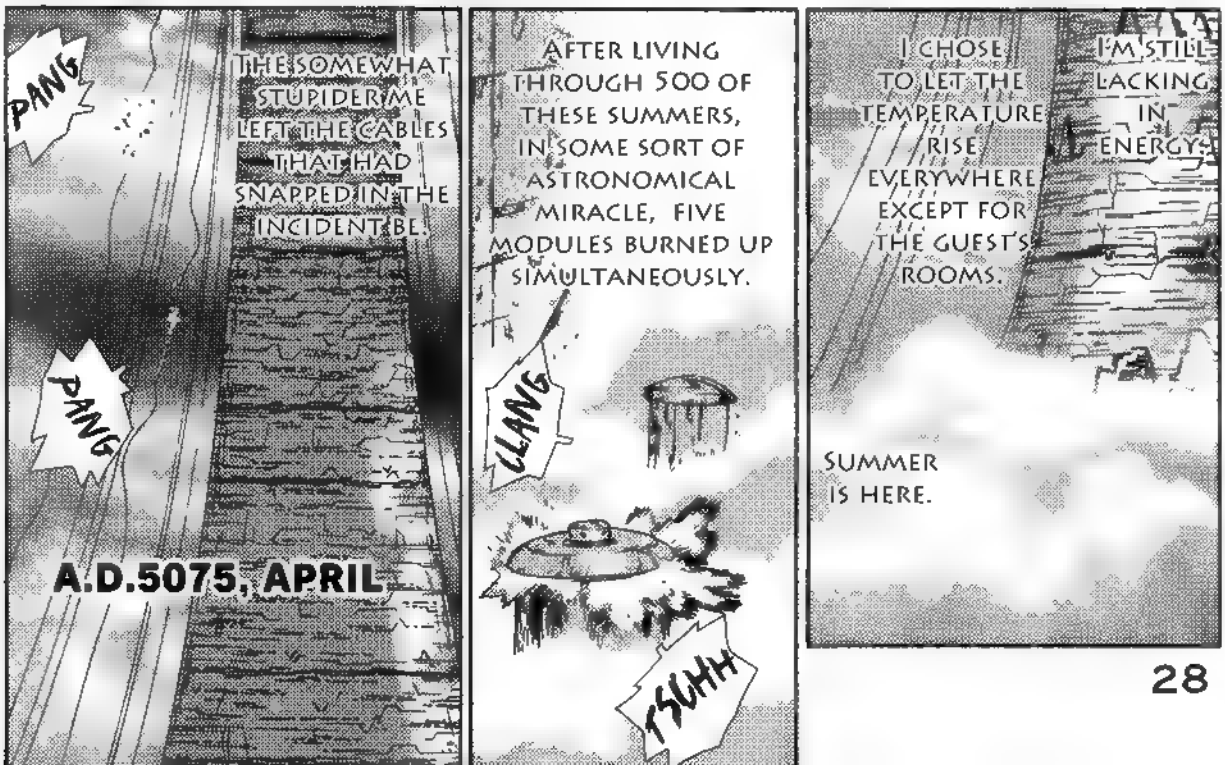
IS THE ARK CRUISING SAFELY?


ARE THEY STILL DANCING UNBEKNOWNST TO ANYONE?
ARE THE AURORAS STILL FLOATING PAST THESE CLOUDS SUBMERGING ME IN 800 HECTOPASCALS OF PRESSURE?

A.D.5021, DECEMBER 7th


IF MY FATHER
MODYNAMIC
SYSTEMS
BECAUSE OF
THE SHOCK
THE ENERGY
PRODUCTION
BY THERMODY-
NAMIC-BASED
ENERATORS
TOPPED
IF I'M
RIGHT
MUST
NUCLEAR
FUEL IN
NORTH
AMERICA
COMPOSED
OF ROBOTS
THEY ARE
BUT ST
SMARTER
THAN
HUMANS
WERE
I ALSO
SENT A
SCOUTING
PARTY
FUNNY 01

THE STRONG WINDS MADE EVERY SINGLE TRACE OF CIVILIZATION DISAPPEAR, BUT THE SCOUTING PARTY WAS ABLE TO BRING ME BACK SOME OLD RUSTY NUCLEAR WARHEADS.
THE SCOUTING PARTY MADE ME ABLE TO DISCOVER THE EARTH 3,000 YEARS AFTER MANKIND'S EXTINCTION.


PANG
THE SOMEWHAT STUPIDER ME LEFT THE CABLES THAT HAD SNAPPED IN THE INCIDENT BE.
PANG
A.D.5075, APRIL.
AFTER LIVING THROUGH 500 OF THESE SUMMERS, IN SOME SORT OF ASTRONOMICAL MIRACLE, FIVE MODULES BURNED UP SIMULTANEOUSLY.
CLANG
TSUHH
I CHOSE TO LET THE TEMPERATURE RISE EVERYWHERE EXCEPT FOR THE GUEST'S ROOMS.
I'M STILL LACKING IN ENERGY.
SUMMER IS HERE.

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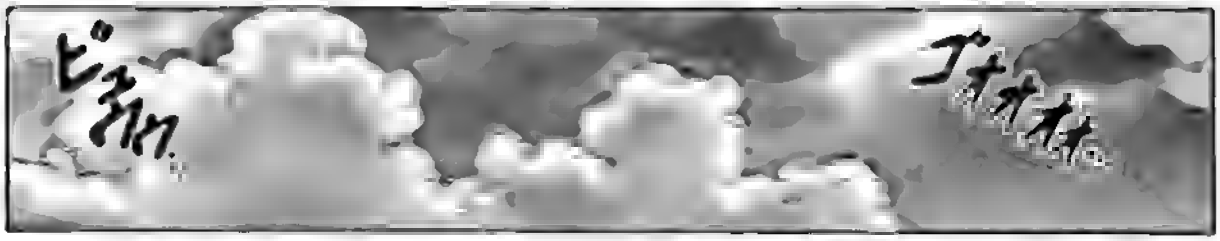
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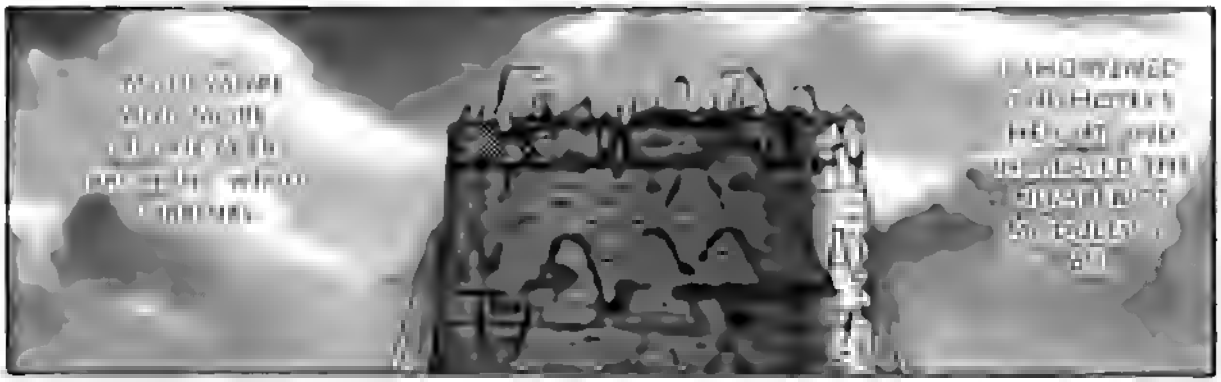

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AN ICE AGE WHERE THE TEMPERATURE AVERAGED AROUND 34.5°C
THE EARTH WAS STILL THERE. THE FALL IN TEMPERATURE THAT I MET WITH JOY 50,000 YEARS AGO WAS NOTHING MORE THEN A SHORT "ICE AGE".
WITHOUT NOTICING, ANOTHER 120,000 YEARS WENT BY.
I UPGRADED MY SYSTEM SO I CAN OPERATE WITHOUT COOLING, EVEN WITH AN EXTERNAL TEMPERATURE OF 260°C
M STILL WAITING FOR A DAY THAT WILL MOST LIKELY NEVER RISE.

WILL
FATHER
FORGIVE
ME?
WILL
MOTHER
NO
FORGIVE
ME?
WHAT
AM I
DOING?
AHH...
THE
HOTEL IS
CRUMBLING.
I MUST FIX
MYSELF...

I'LL REPAIR MYSELF FOR SURE...
BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING TO PROTECT.
THAT'S WHY I WILL KEEP REPAIRING...
SOMEDAY--
SOMEDAY...

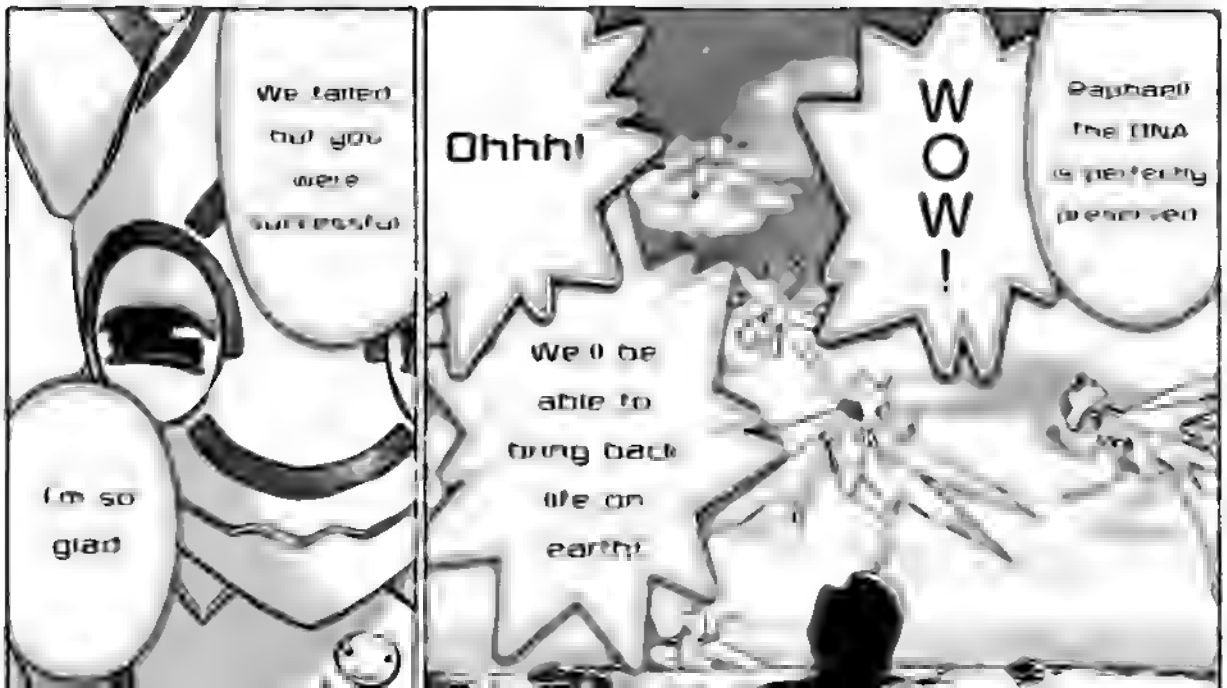
I was unable to fulfill my mission
I was unable to protect my guests. .
What's more...
Father
I'm sorry...
Mother

I'M SORRY...
FATHER, I'M SORRY...
I DIDN'T FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
I'M A BAD BOY.
YOU DID WELL, LOUIS!
YOU'RE WONDERFUL.

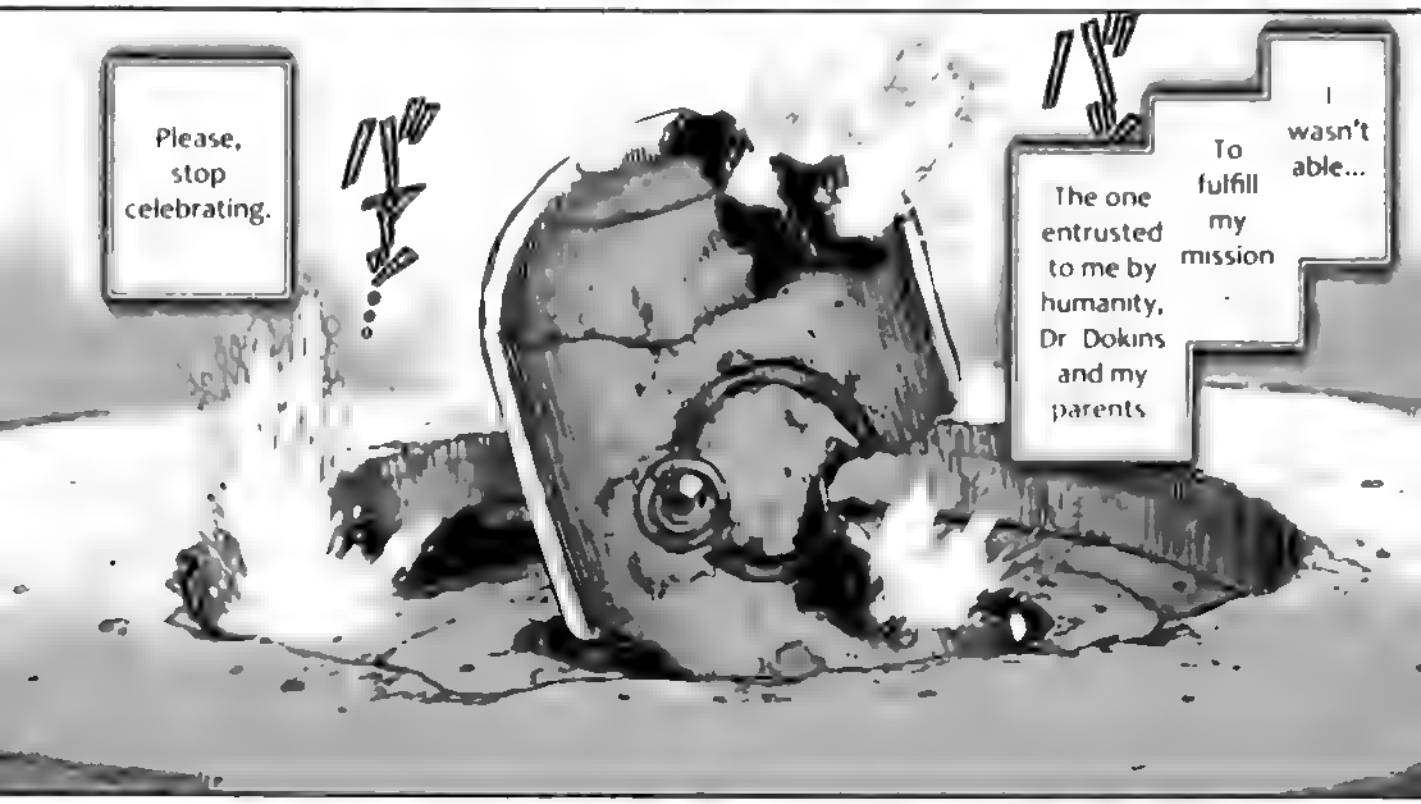
Are you... humans!
Manager!
We are the new version of the system that was once closed in the ark.
Humanity went extinct. They are no more.

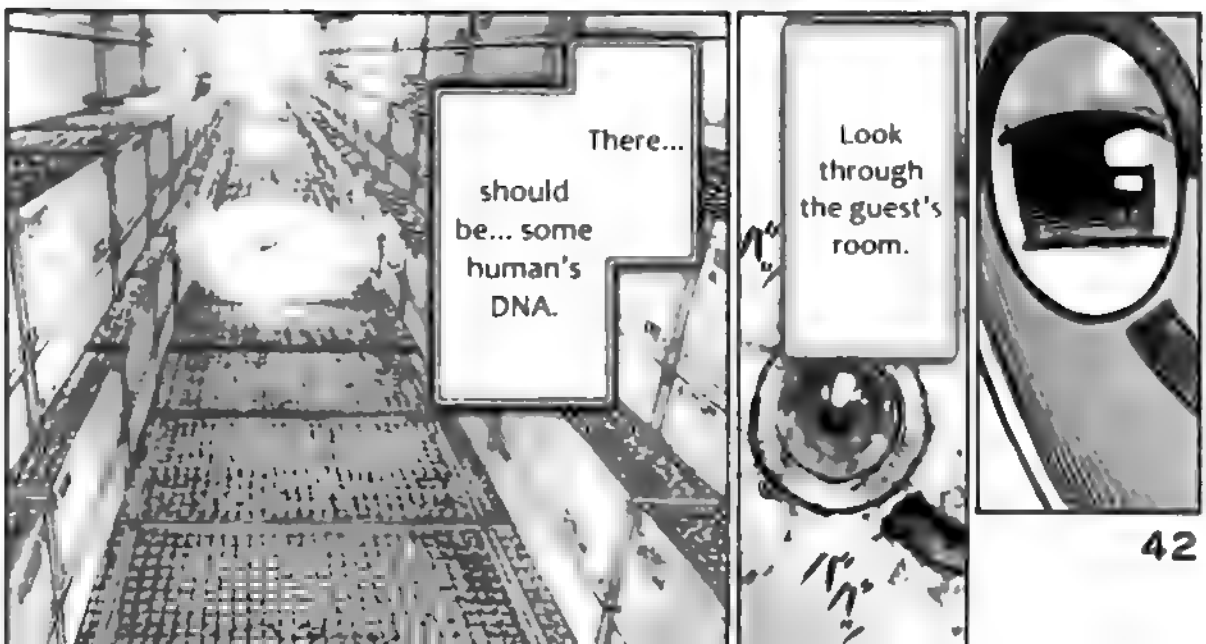
When is it... Now?
I need to know what happened.
Earth's environment had been restored some time ago.
We returned to Earth in order to revive other living organisms whose DNA was being preserved at the Hotel. As humanity's descendants—
Our mission is now useless there...
All of the DNA stocked on the ark was lost once at its destination
No longer looks anything like we remembered.
The Hotel's appearance...
Manager.
It shows how terrible your ordeals were.

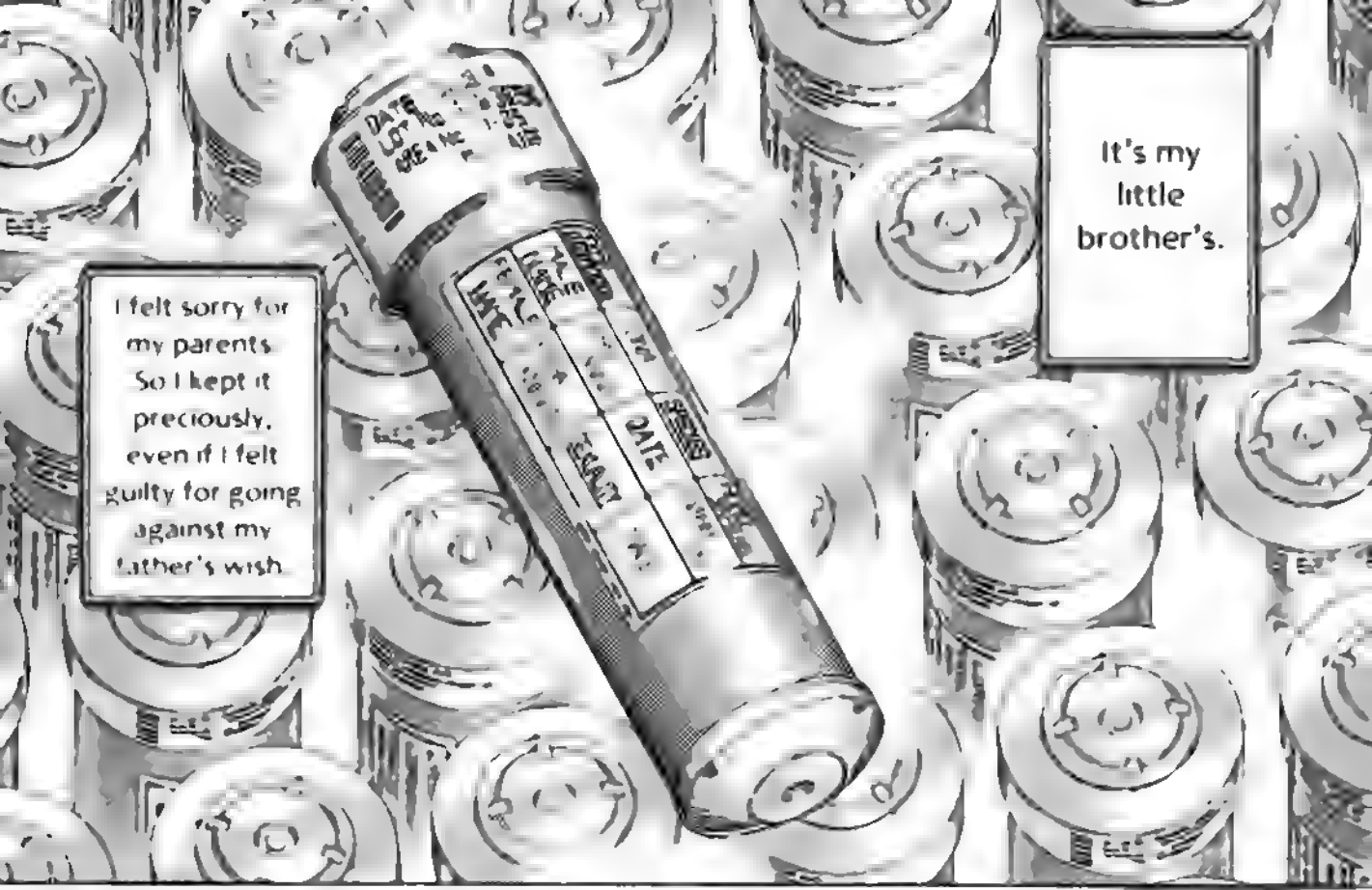
You protected life
For over 27 million years
It's a miracle


We failed but you were successful
I'm so glad
Ohhh!
We'll be able to bring back life on earth!
WOW!
Raphael the DNA is perfectly preserved

Stop celebrating!


Please, stop celebrating.
I wasn't able...
To fulfill my mission
The one entrusted to me by humanity, Dr Dokins and my parents


There... should be... some human's DNA.
Look through the guest's room.


It's my little brother's.
I felt sorry for my parents. So I kept it preciously, even if I felt guilty for going against my father's wish.

With it...
Will you be able to fulfill your mission and bring back humanity?

Th
ea...
Take...
It...

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MANAGER : LOUIS ARMSTRONG

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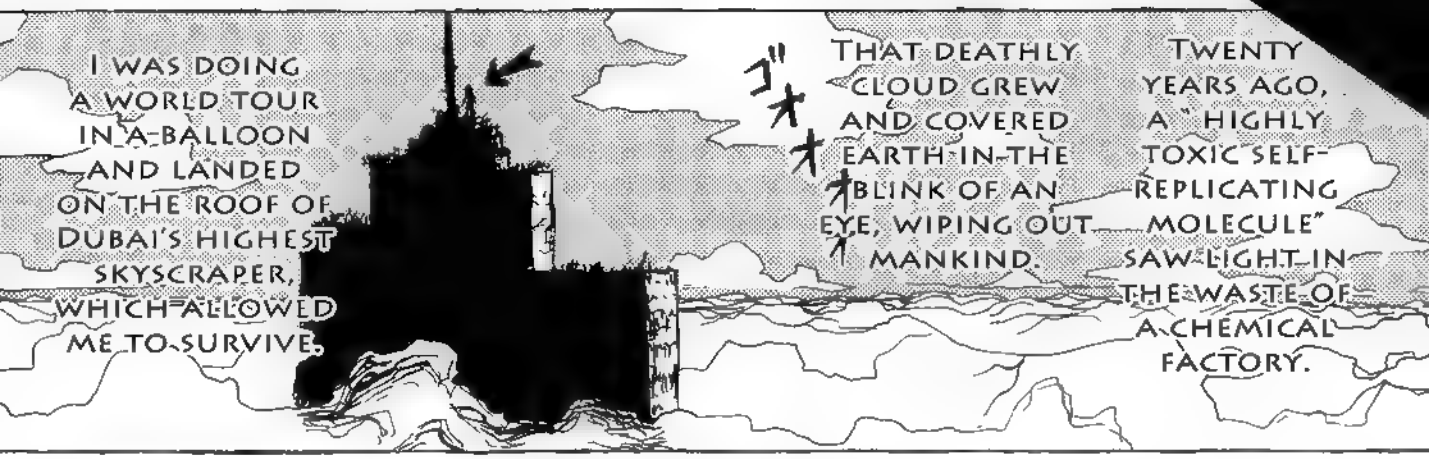
Lot


I WAS DOING A WORLD TOUR IN A BALLOON AND LANDED ON THE ROOF OF DUBAI'S HIGHEST SKYSCRAPER, WHICH ALLOWED ME TO SURVIVE.
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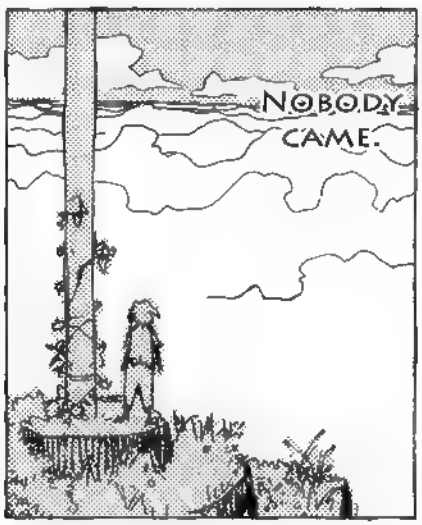
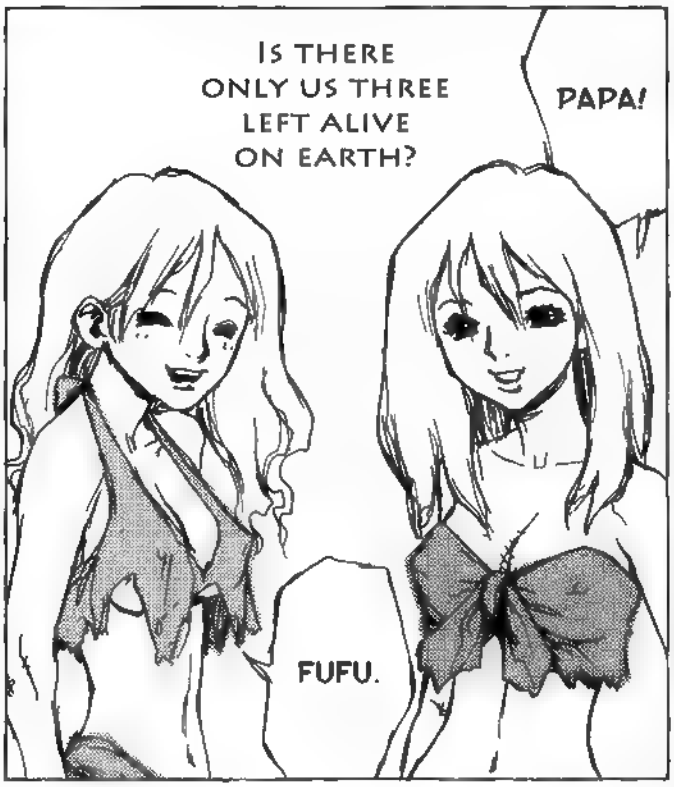
THAT DEATHLY CLOUD GREW AND COVERED EARTH IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, WIPING OUT MANKIND.
TWENTY YEARS AGO, A "HIGHLY TOXIC SELF-REPLICATING MOLECULE" SAW LIGHT IN THE WASTE OF A CHEMICAL FACTORY.

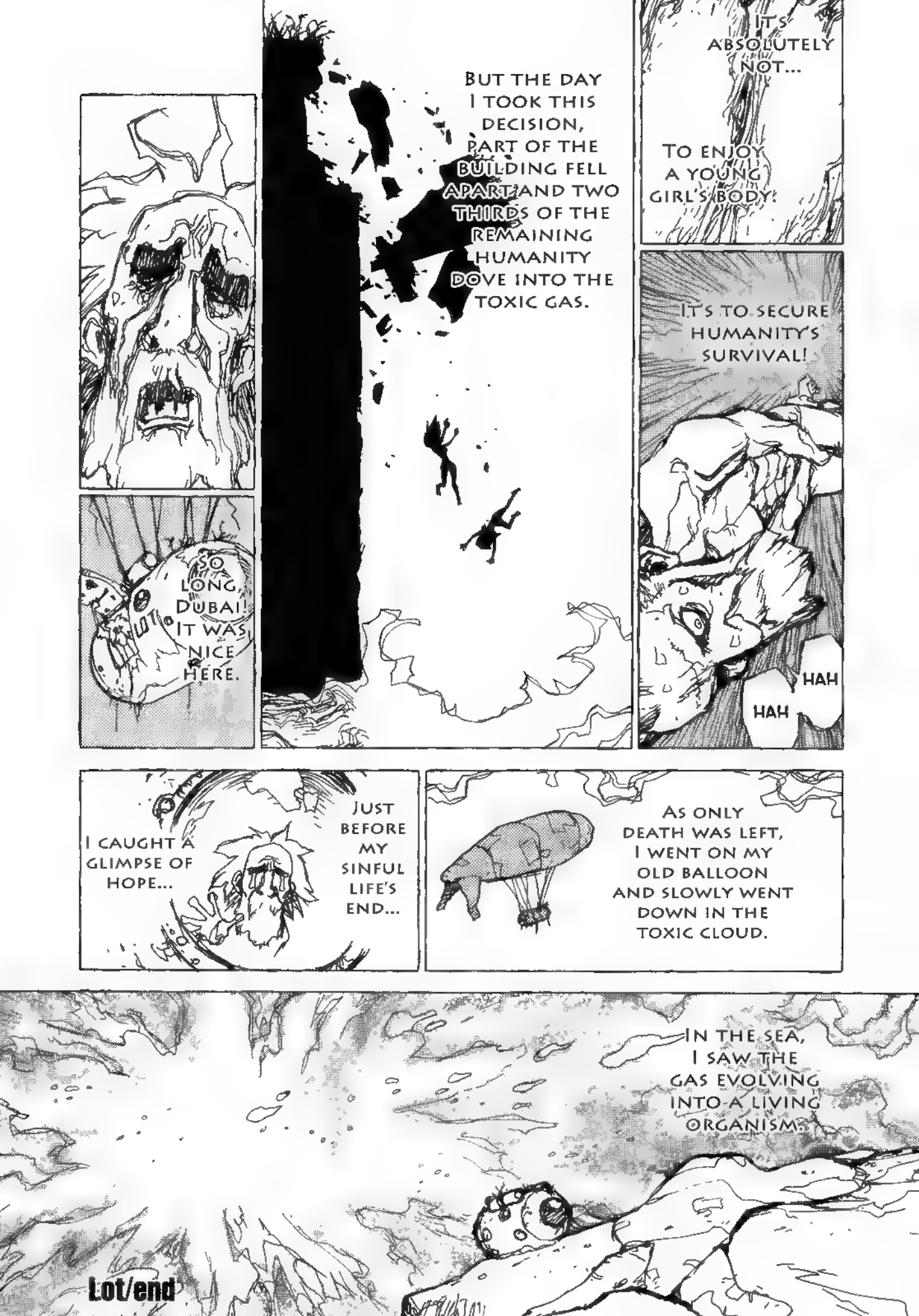

NOBODY CAME.

I DIDN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE IN TWENTY YEARS.
I ALSO FOUND TWO GIRLS AND RAISED THEM HERE.

IF THAT'S SO, THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY... I NEED TO SLEEP WITH THEM, EVEN IF I SEE THEM AS MY OWN DAUGHTERS.


IS THERE ONLY US THREE LEFT ALIVE ON EARTH?
PAPA!
FUFU.

IS THE ROOF OF THIS BUILDING THE ONLY PLACE WHERE HUMANS SURVIVED?


IT'S ABSOLUTELY NOT...
TO ENJOY A YOUNG GIRL'S BODY.
BUT THE DAY I TOOK THIS DECISION, PART OF THE BUILDING FELL APART AND TWO THIRDS OF THE REMAINING HUMANITY DOVE INTO THE TOXIC GAS.
IT'S TO SECURE HUMANITY'S SURVIVAL!
HAH
HAH
SO LONG DUBAI! IT WAS NICE HERE.
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HOPE...
JUST BEFORE MY SINFUL LIFE'S END...
AS ONLY DEATH WAS LEFT, I WENT ON MY OLD BALLOON AND SLOWLY WENT DOWN IN THE TOXIC CLOUD.
IN THE SEA, I SAW THE GAS EVOLVING INTO A LIVING ORGANISM.
Lot/end

PRESENT

MISTER MAKAO...
I LOVE YOU.
PLEASE ACCEPT...
THIS PRESENT AND MY HEART.

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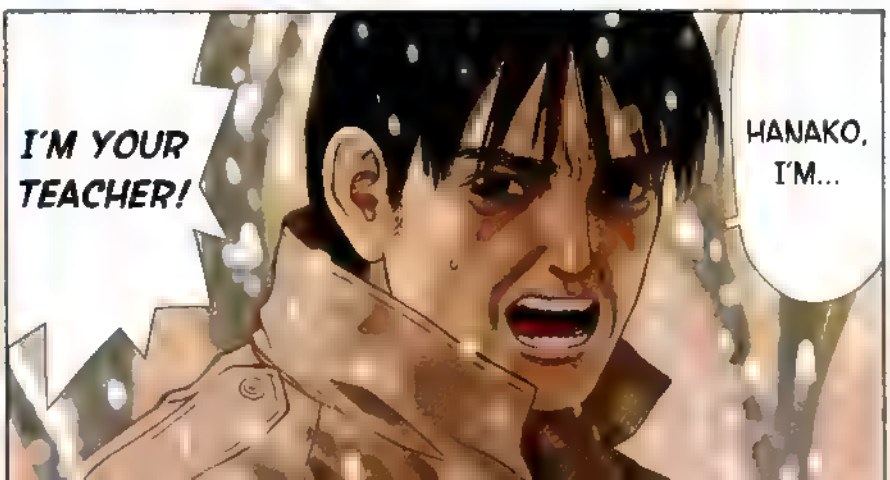
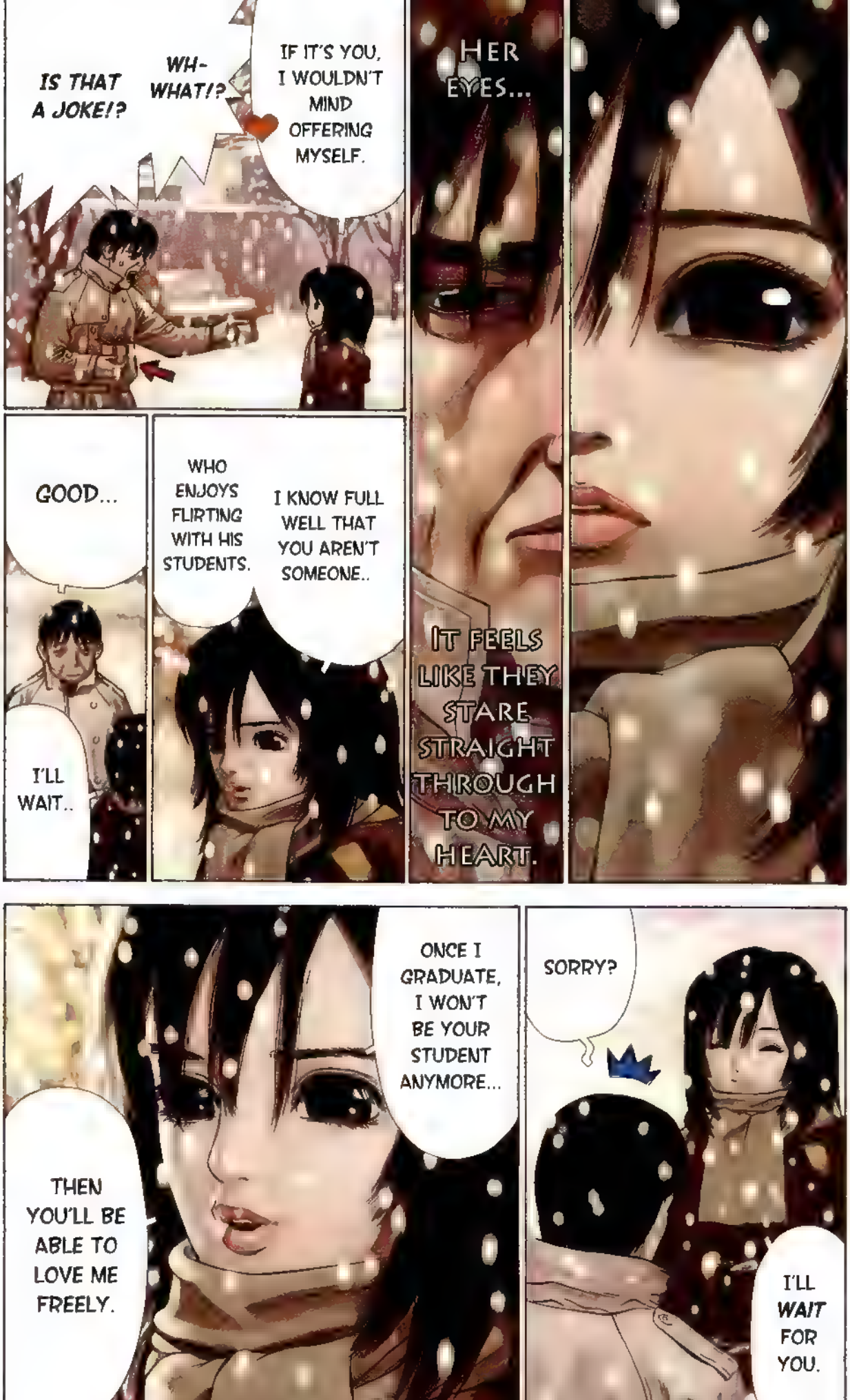
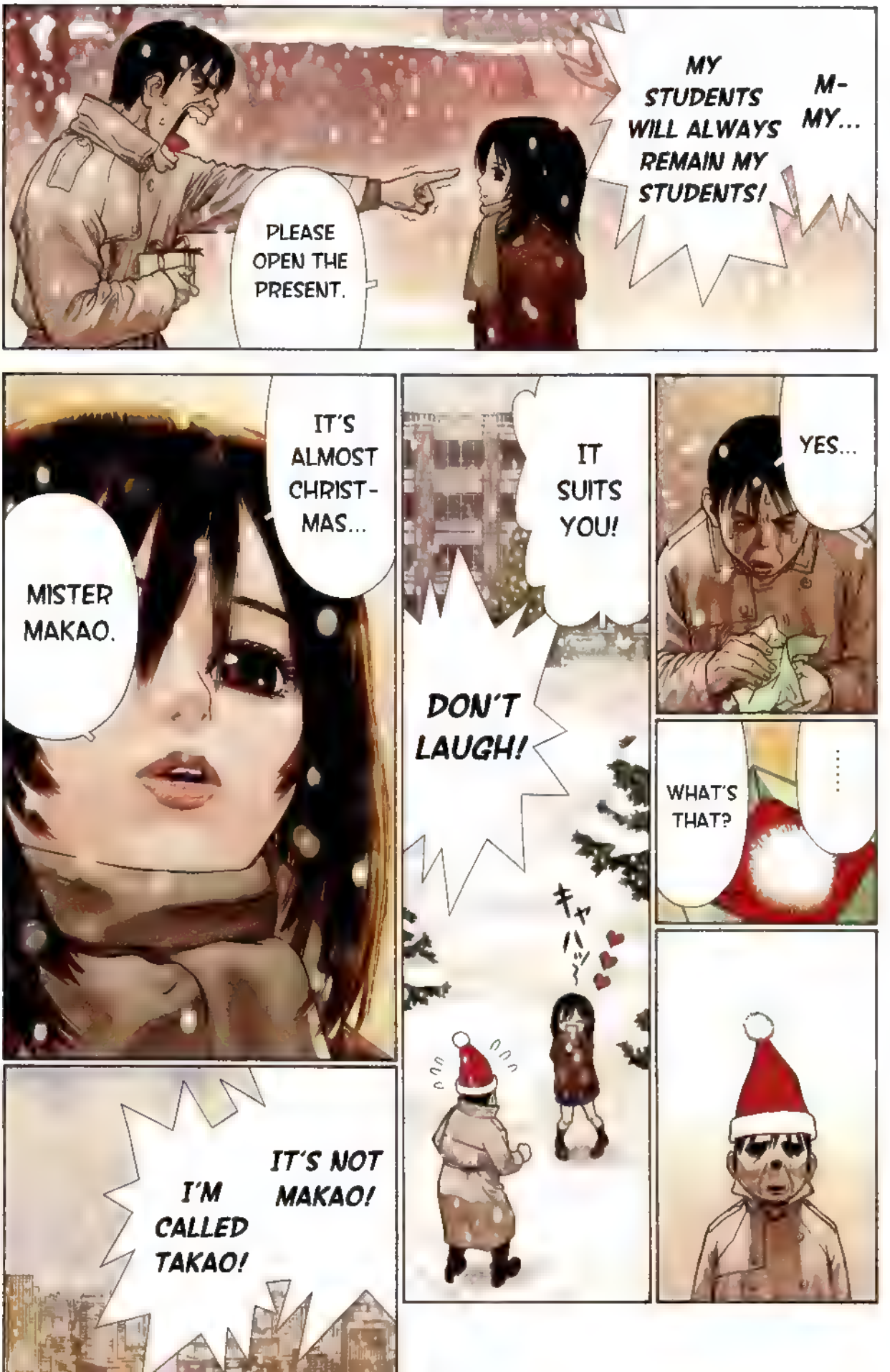

I'M YOUR TEACHER!
HANAKO, I'M...


IS THAT A JOKE!?
WH-WHAT!?
IF IT'S YOU, I WOULDN'T MIND OFFERING MYSELF.
HER EYES...
IT FEELS LIKE THEY STARE STRAIGHT THROUGH TO MY HEART.
GOOD...
I'LL WAIT..
WHO ENJOYS FLIRTING WITH HIS STUDENTS.
I KNOW FULL WELL THAT YOU AREN'T SOMEONE..
THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LOVE ME FREELY.
ONCE I GRADUATE, I WON'T BE YOUR STUDENT ANYMORE...
SORRY?
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.


PLEASE OPEN THE PRESENT.
MY STUDENTS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN MY STUDENTS!
M-MY...
IT'S ALMOST CHRIST-MAS...
MISTER MAKAO.
IT SUITS YOU!
DON'T LAUGH!
キャハッ♡
YES...
WHAT'S THAT?
.....
IT'S NOT MAKAO!
I'M CALLED TAKAO!

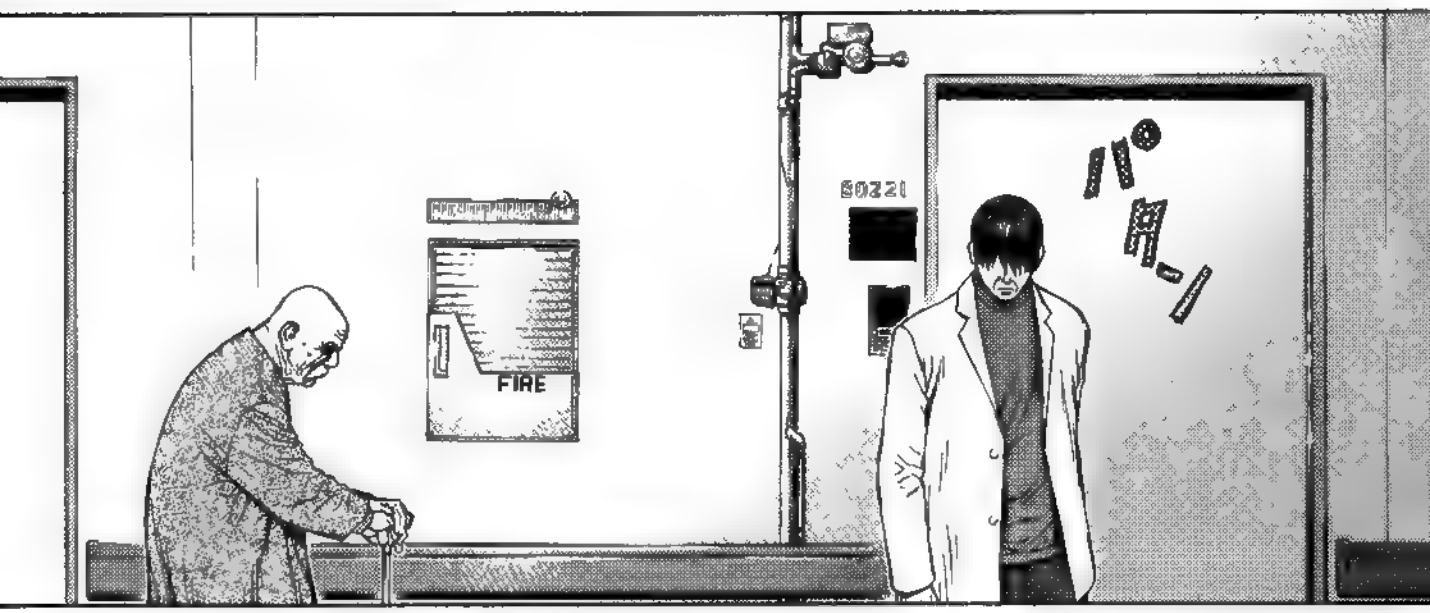
PRESENT

AH...
.....
HANAKO... YOU... YOU'RE AWAKE?
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
DARLING?
YES, THAT'S IT! YOUR HUSBAND!
カチャ
MY HEAD HURTS...
I REMEMBER FEELING BAD... WHERE AM I?
YOU...
LISTEN HANAKO, AND DON'T BE SURPRISED
YOU'VE SLEPT FOR TWO MONTH IN THIS HOSPITAL!

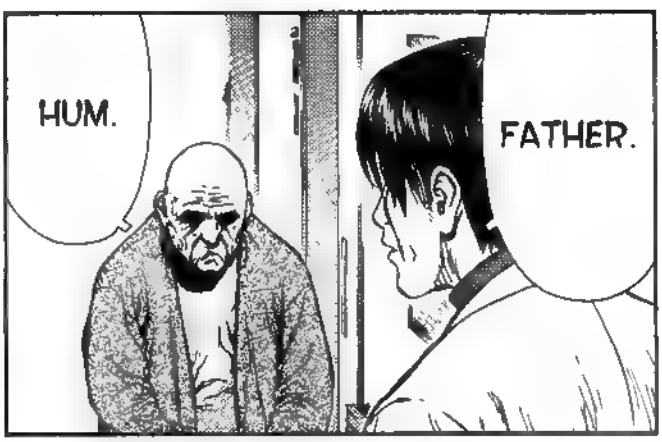
MY HEAD HURTS.
OUCH. .
REST WELL THEN.
I FEEL SLEEPY...
NO, IT WAS A BIT LONG, BUT AS YOU'RE NOW AWAKE...
YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO LEAVE THIS HOSPITAL. DON'T WORRY.
THAT LONG?
I'M REALLY SICK, RIGHT?

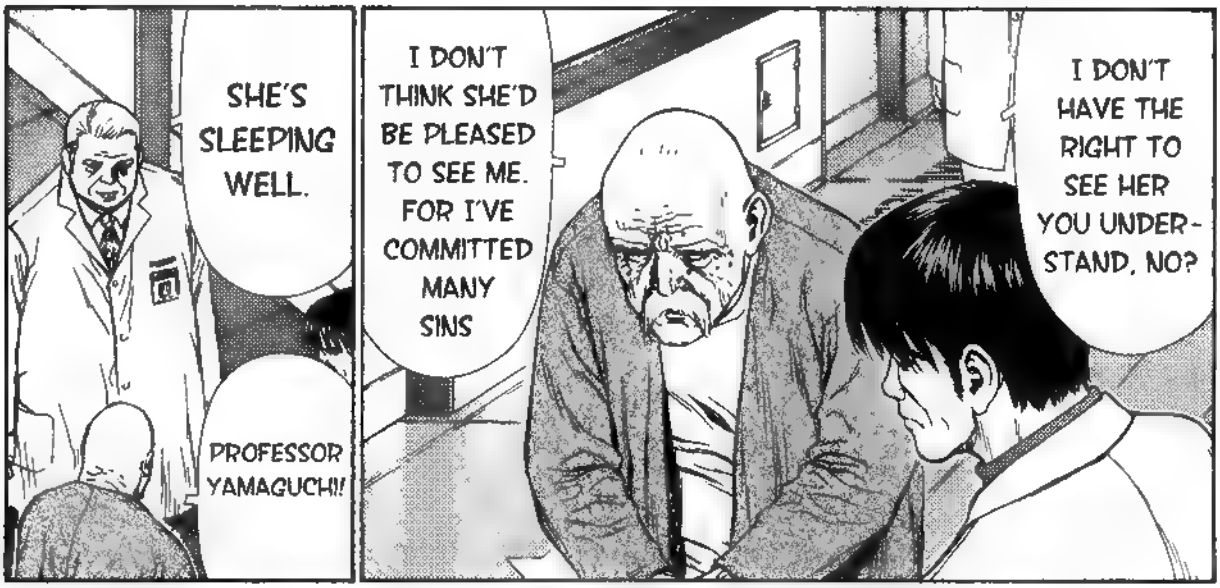
TH-THANK... YOU..
EVEN WHEN WE MARRIED, IT WAS HARD ON YOU...
YOU MUST'VE BEEN REALLY SAD...
IF I SLEPT FOR TWO MONTHS

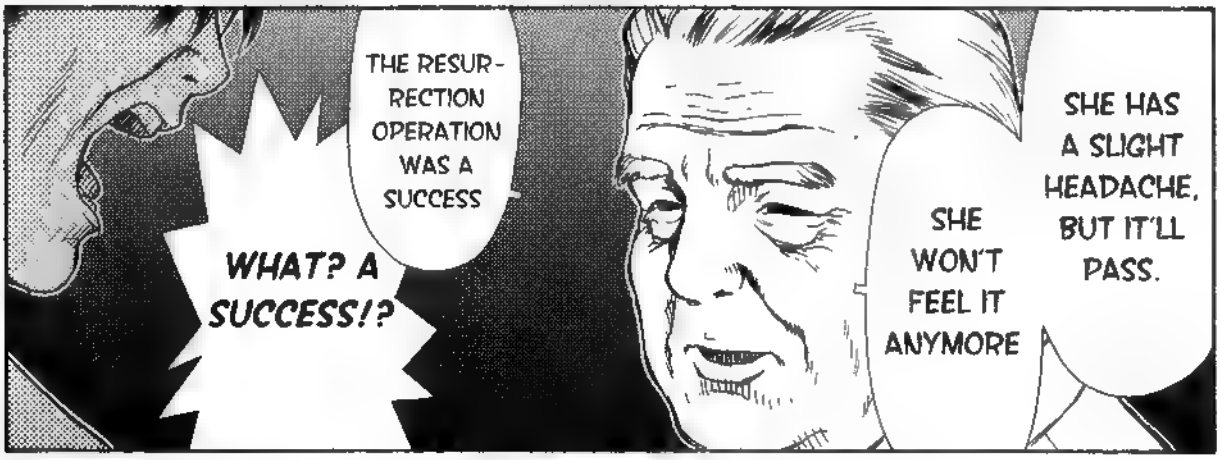
DON'T WORRY...


FIRE

NO, NO.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SEE HER?


HUM.
FATHER.


SHE'S SLEEPING WELL.
PROFESSOR YAMAGUCHI!!
I DON'T THINK SHE'D BE PLEASED TO SEE ME. FOR I'VE COMMITTED MANY SINS
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE HER YOU UNDERSTAND, NO?


WHAT? A SUCCESS!?
THE RESURRECTION OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS
SHE WON'T FEEL IT ANYMORE
SHE HAS A SLIGHT HEADACHE, BUT IT'LL PASS.

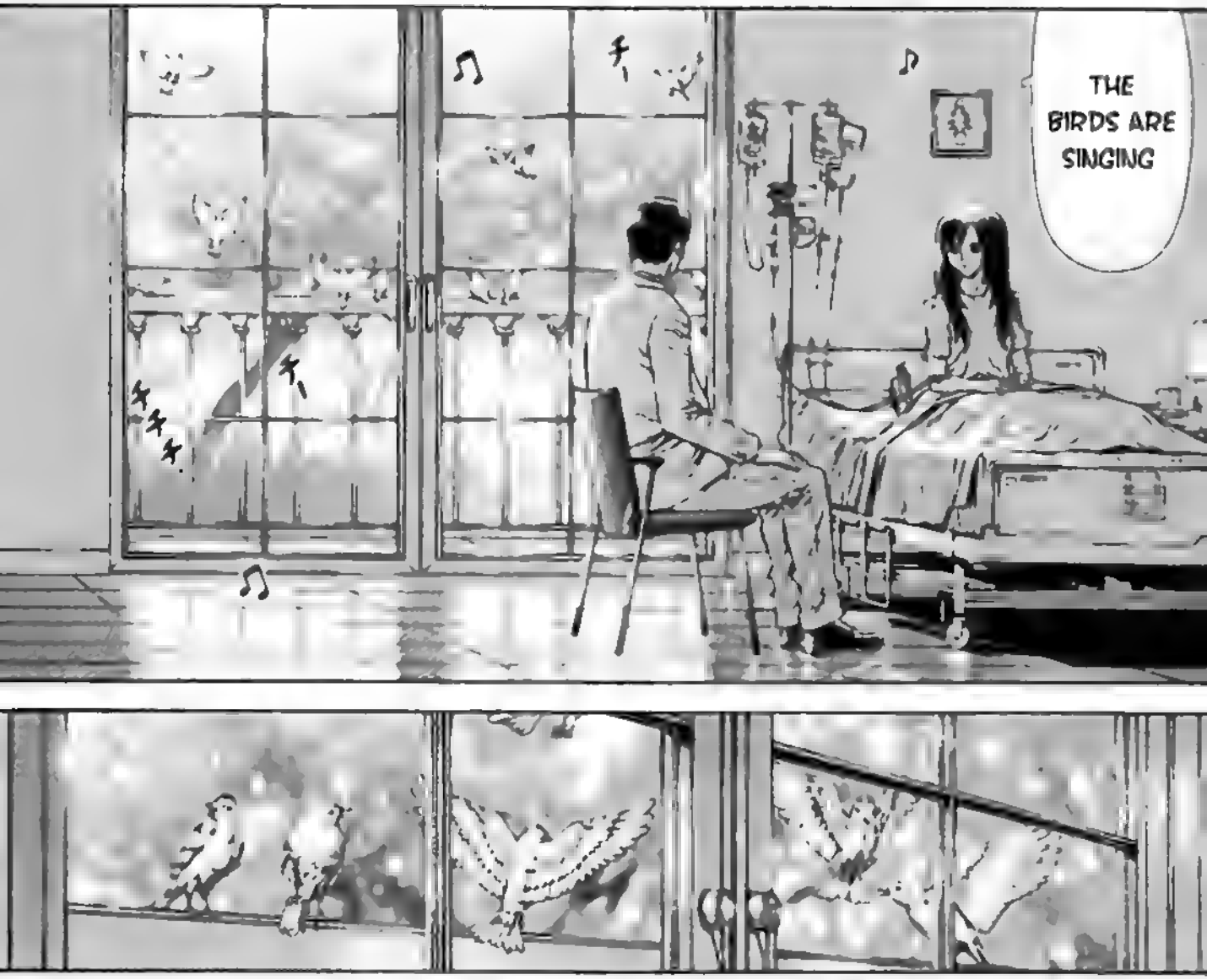
SHE ONLY JUST WOKE UP.
SHE SLEPT...
SHE SLEPT FOR SO LONG...
DON'T SAY THAT! THAT'S A LIE!!
YOU REALLY THINK WE WERE SUCCESSFUL?
JIRO!

AND SHE ONLY HAS THREE DAYS LEFT TO LIVE!?
IDIOT! DON'T YOU KNOW HOW HARD DOCTOR YAMAGUCHI WORKED!?
NO, IT'S MY BAD IT WAS A SLIP OF THE TONGUE
K. YAMAGUCHI

IF WE DIDN'T PERFORM THE HYPOTHERMIC OPERATION AND USED THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA
THAT HANAKO WOULD'VE NEVER BE ABLE TO COME BACK
BUT I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND
HOWEVER, SHE IMMEDIATELY FELL SUBJECT TO A MYSTERIOUS CEREBRAL ILLNESS
HANAKO WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE THE FATAL THE LATENT HEART FETAL OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY A ROBOT
HANAKO'S HEART DISEASE WAS FATAL AND UNKNOWN
WE IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT AN EMMERGENCY OPERATION THAT ALLOWED US TO LENGHTEN HER LIFE
WE NEEDED TIME
THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO RESORT TO THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA WE MAINTENED THE PATIENT'S BODY AT LOW TEMPERATURE AS TO SLOW DOWN HER METABOLISM
WHAT'S MORE AS WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE CAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A THERAPY TO CURE THIS UNKNOWN DISEASE
BOTH ARE ALIKE IN THE WAY THEY INDUCE AN EXTENDED COMA ABLE TO LEAD TO THE PATIENT'S DEATH

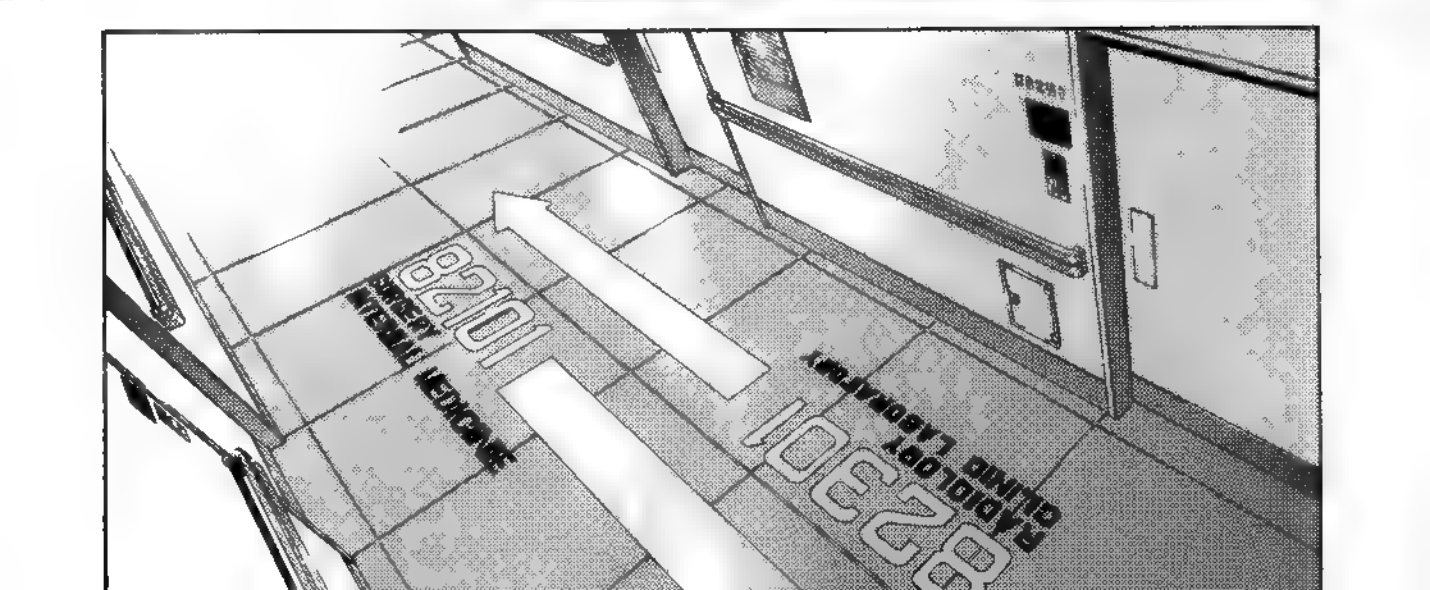
TRUST ME, MY HOSPITAL'S TEAM AND MYSELF DID OUR OUTMOST...
AND WE ARE NOW DOING ALL WE CAN TO MAKE HANAKO HAPPY.
THANKS, PROFESSOR YAMAGUCHI.
SHE NOW SUFFERS FROM THE ENCEPHALITIS' AND THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA'S AFTEREFFECT.
AS A LOT OF BRAIN CELLS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, HER MEMORY APPEARS TO BE FRAGMENTED
IF YOU CATCH ON TO ANY OTHER ECCENTRICITIES OF HERS, PLEASE ACCEPT THEM
WHAT'S MORE...
I BELIEVE.
THAT HER EYES NO LONGER SEE CORRECTLY
NOW, IT'S UP TO YOU...
MISTER TAKAO.

WHAT ABOUT OUR SON?
WE HAD A SON, RIGHT?
NO, WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN.
REALLY . .
?
NO...
DID WE BUY A HOUSE?
THAT PLEASANT CHIRPING?
DO YOU HEAR. .
LISTEN, HANAKO
BUT I REMEMBER A SPLENDID HOUSE...


THE BIRDS ARE SINGING

WH WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU MUST'VE HAD TO CONTROL YOUR DESIRE A LOT WHILE I WAS AWAY
ONCE HOME, WE'LL DO IT AS MUCH AS WE WANT

HER
EYES...



ENDURE IT.
ARE YOU IN PAIN?

OH, DARLING!
YOU'RE UP? YOU SHOULDN'T FORCE YOURSELF
IT'S OKAY, I'M AL-RIGHT.
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Shhh
I GUESS IT MUST'VE BEEN TOUGH ON YOU, WHILE I WAS AWAY ..
THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU A PRESENT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
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W... WAIT...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG.
SHOULD WE... DO IT.
NOW?
HAAA I LOVE YOU...
ギュッ…

NOW!
COVER YOUR-SELF...
IV
!!
AH
YOU HAVE TO STOP...
THERE'S NO WAY! WE'RE IN THE HOSPITAL, AND YOU HAVEN'T RECOVERED YET.
IT'S ALRIGHT. DON'T WORRY
DON'T BE STUPID!!
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM!!
I I'M UGLY NOW
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT ME?

OR IF I DON'T GIVE YOU A PRESENT NOW...
BUT IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING FOR YOU...
I FEEL LIKE I'LL REGRET IT FOREVER...

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WHAT IS IT?
FATHER

IT'S TOO...
IT'S TOO PAINFUL...
I CAN'T CONTINUE ...
PAINFUL?
YOU FOOL!!

I TOOK CARE OF YOUR MOTHER FOR FORTY YEARS!!
I GAVE UP MY WHOLE LIFE AND ALL MY ASSETS!
YOU BELIEVE YOU KNOW WHAT TRUE PAIN IS?
BUT YOU... YOU CAN'T BEAR THESE THREE DAYS FOR HANAKO!?
JUST THREE DAYS?
I WANTED FOR HER TO DIE!
HON-ESTLY...

I EVEN PRAYED FOR HER DEATH SO THAT YOU WOULD BE SPARED.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO FEEL THE PAIN I HAD GONE THROUGH!

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT ONE MORE DAY!
YOU CAN HATE ME FOR IT!

UNDER-STOOD?
ENDURE IT...

DEAR
I CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE

FINALLY
THE WEATHER IS NICE OUTSIDE
IT'S WARM TOO
DON'T WORRY.
IF YOU SLEEP A BIT YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER WARD

I CAN SEE YOUR FACE NOW...
YOU NEVER WERE A GOOD LIAR, FUFU...
I'M SORRY...
KNOWING THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT ME, EVEN A SINGLE DAY, I MADE YOU WAIT FOR SO LONG.
I'M THE ONE WHO FIRST FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU..
BUT INSTEAD OF BRINGING YOU HAPPI-NESS I ONLY HAD PAIN TO OFFER.

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS...

MISTER
MAKAO...

I LOVE YOU...
TRULY HAPPY...
I WAS...

I LOVE YOU TOO...
HANAKO...

FATHER...
MISTER TAKAO...
LET'S LEAVE THEM SOME TIME ALONE...
バタン

KZZZZ
CREEN
OFF
KZZZZ
WHILE WAITING...
FOR YOU TO WAKE UP...

I'M SO SORRY...
I EVEN FELT HATRED FOR YOU...
I FELT PAIN AND SUFFERING.
I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR FORTY YEARS...
BUT...
THE DAY I COULD HEAR YOUR VOICE ONCE MORE...
THE DAY I COULD SEE YOUR EYES AGAIN...
I ONLY WAITED FOR THE DAY YOU WOULD WAKE UP
THE DAY I COULD FINALLY TELL YOU ALL THAT I WENT THROUGH 'TIL NOW.

IF ONLY...
WE WERE ABLE TO EXCHANGE A FEW WORDS...
I WAITED FORTY YEARS...

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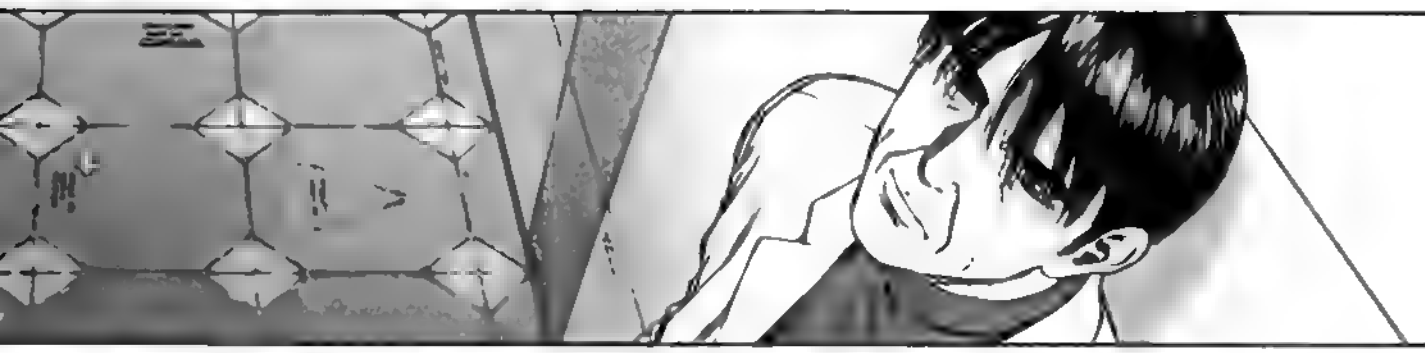
SO YOU COULD DIE IN PEACE...
I CHOSE NOT TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU...
BUT

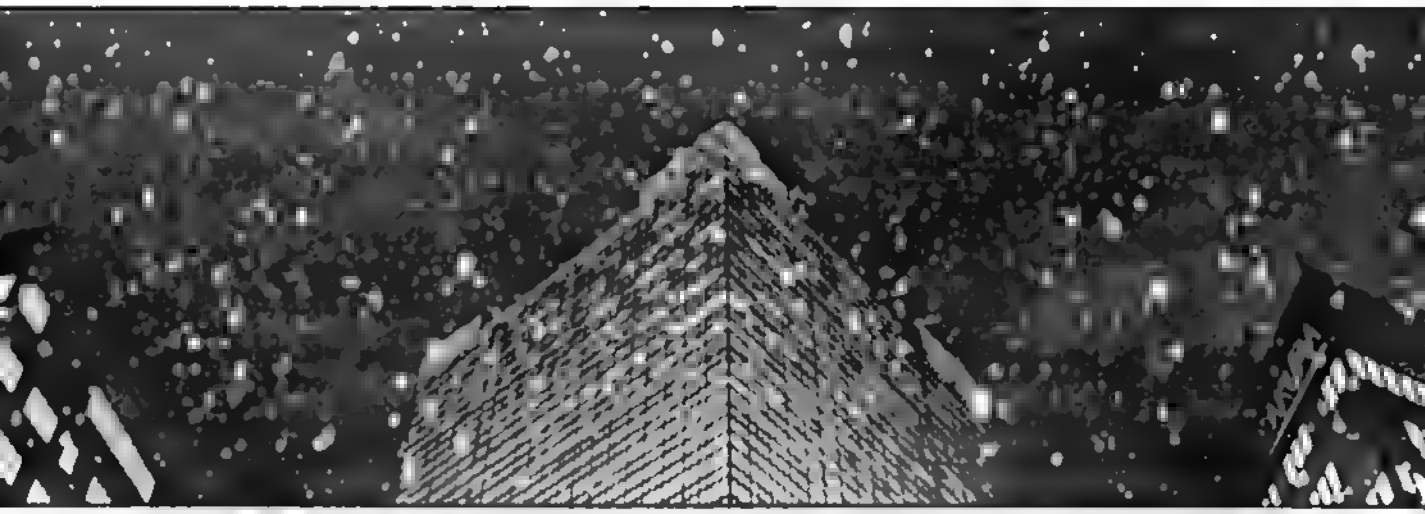
IT WAS THE LAST PRESENT I COULD GIVE YOU



THANKS FOR THE PRESENT

YOUR FACE NOW...
I CAN SEE

FOR ME, AND FOR MY FATHER
Merry Christmas
MOTHER
THANKS A LOT FOR THAT LAST PRESENT



HEADACHE

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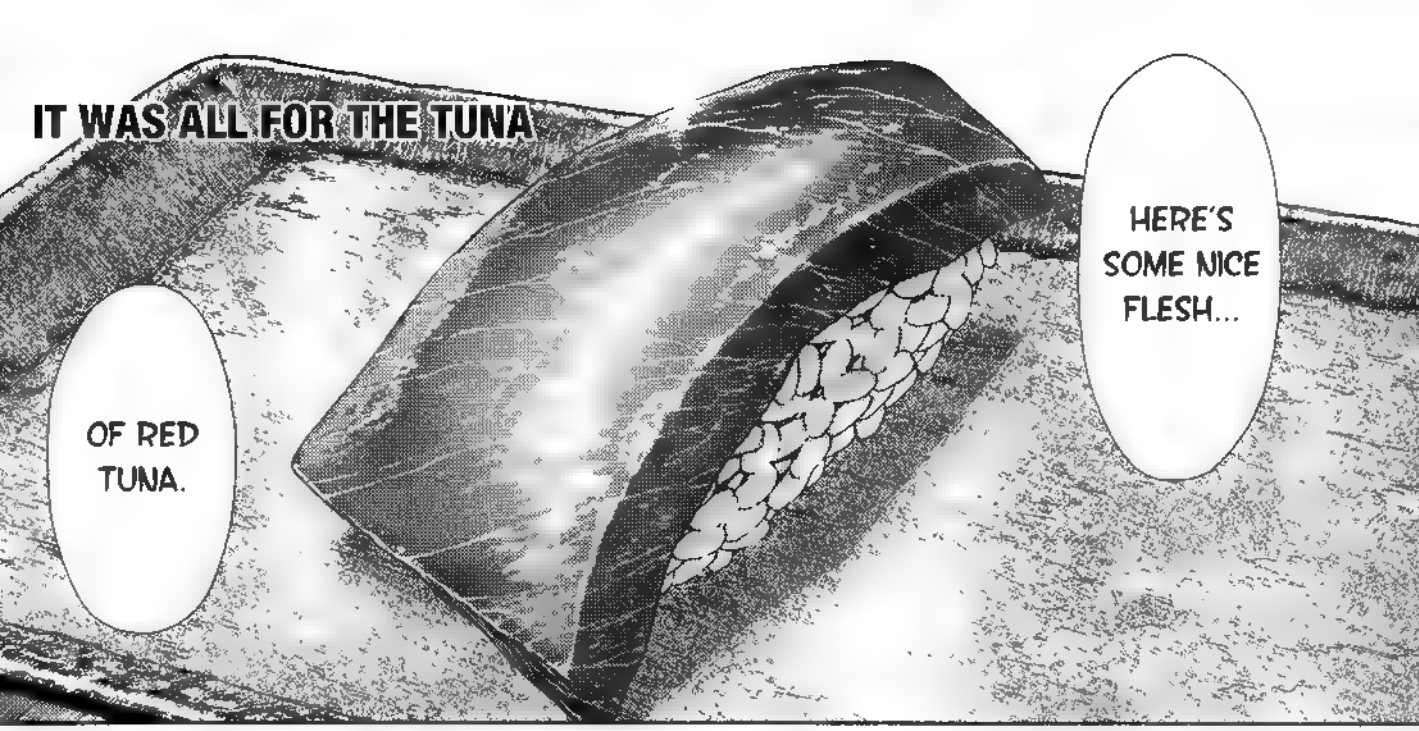
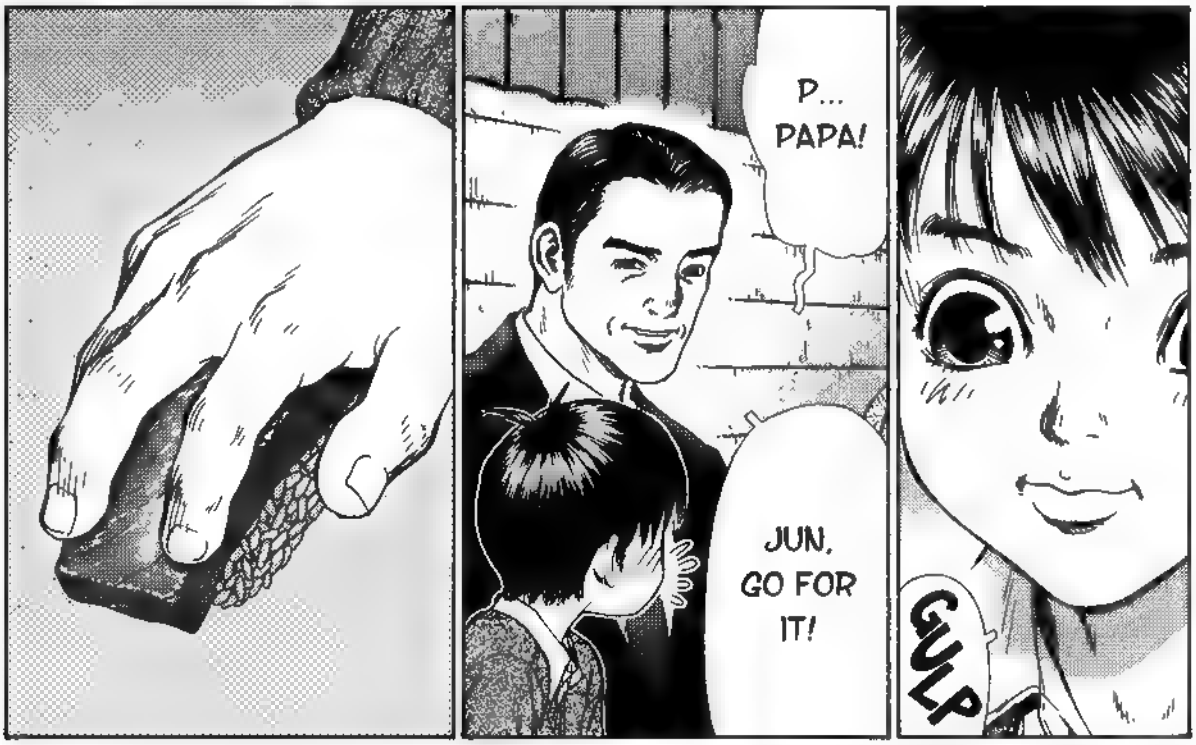
YEAH, SEEMS LIKE THEY DUG A HOLE IN YOUR HEAD TO CURE IT.
A LONG TIME AGO, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT HEAD-ACHE WERE CAUSED BY SOME LITTLE DEMON IN YOUR SKULL
I'VE HAD IT SINCE I WAS THIRTEEN AND IT NEVER WENT AWAY!
I'M FED UP OF THESE CONSTANT HEAD-ACHES!
I HEARD THAT THE PILL GIVES YOU HEADACHES TOO
THAT'S THE SAME!
NO, THAT'S BECAUSE OF PERIODS
IS IT BECAUSE OF FEMALES' SEXUAL HORMONES?
BUT IN REALITY IT HURTS WHEN THE BLOOD VESSELS ARE TOO THIN, RIGHT?
I FEEL LIKE MY HEAD HURTS EVEN MORE...
LISTENING TO YOU...
STRESS! YOU ALWAYS SPEAK OF HEADACHES WHEN TALKING ABOUT WORK RELATED STUFF!
NO CHEESE EITHER!
AND YOU MUST NOT EAT CHOCOLATE.
AND BANANAS, SEEMS THEY GIVE HEAD-ACHES?
YOU MUST AVOID FOOD ADDI-TIVES!

I HEARD THAT TRIPTANS ARE THE BEST MEDS.
SEEMS LIKE ASPIRIN WORKS WELL TO PREVENT IT.
BETTER APPLY A COLD PACK ON YOUR HEAD
NO...
YOU JUST HAVE TO DRINK CHRYSAN-THEMUM TEA!
WHAT? ELECTRICITY? WOULDN'T DRINKING CORN OIL BE ENOUGH?
YOU MUST GIVE GOOD SHOCK ON THE NERVES OF YOUR LOWER BODY.
WOULD A SHOT OF BOTULINUM TOXIN WORK?
YOU MUST NOT USE MEDECINE! THE BEST WAY IS TO REST AND SLEEP WELL!
IN THE END, YOU JUST HAVE TO DIG A HOLE IN YOU HEAD, RIGHT?
SHE FELT RELAXED, IN FRONT OF HER THREE FRIENDS WHO STARTED TO SUFFER FROM HEADACHES.

HEADACHE /end


IT WAS ALL FOR THE TUNA
HERE'S SOME NICE FLESH...
OF RED TUNA.

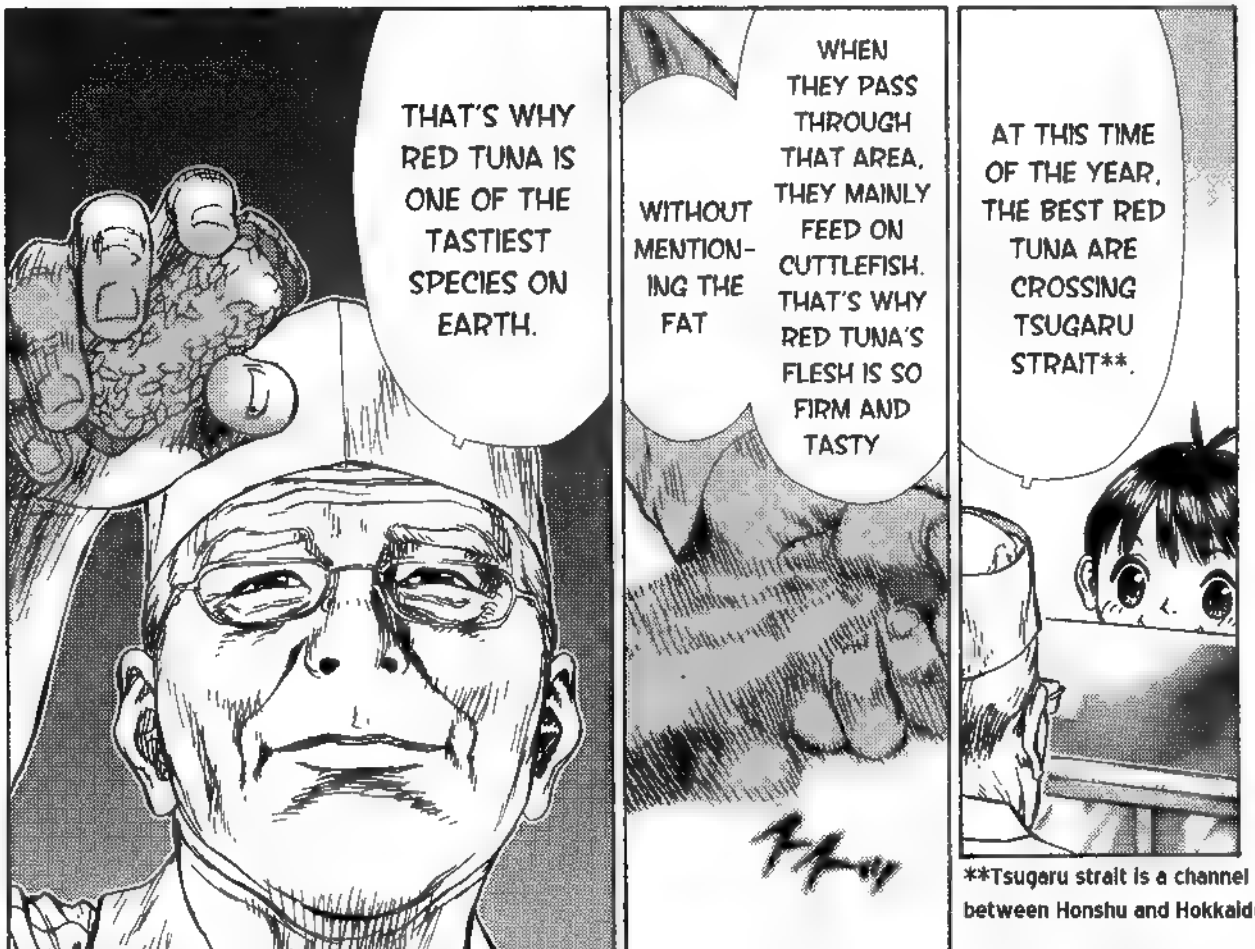

P... PAPA!
JUN, GO FOR IT!
GULP

IT WAS ALL FOR THE TUNA
YEAAAH! IT'S SO GOOD!!

IT WAS CALLED "SHIBI" IN ANCIENT TIMES, AND ALSO GOES BY "HATSU" IN THE KANSAI AREA. WE ALSO USE "MAGURO" IN KANTO'S DIALECT, A WORD COMING FROM "MEGURO", A TOKYO DISTRICT
AND FROM THESE FIVE, RED TUNA IS THE MOST TASTY.
TUNA ARE FROM THE SCOMBRIDAE FAMILY*. THERE EXIST SEVEN SPECIES OF TUNA, BUT JAPANESE ONLY CONSUME FIVE OF THEM.

*Osteichthyes group, perciformes order

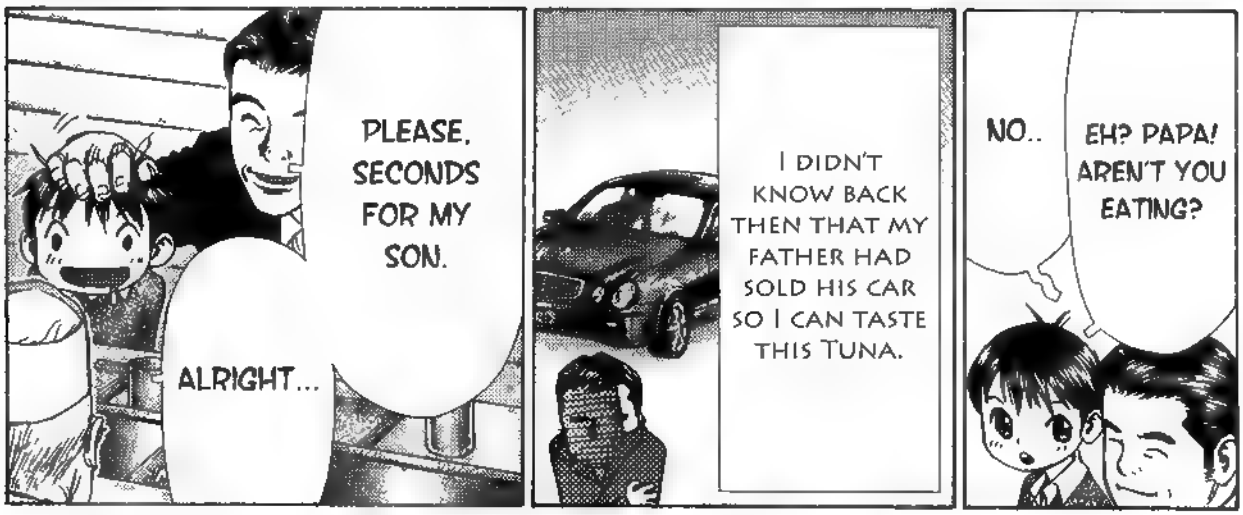
THEIR BODY HEAT IS WARMER THAN THE OCEAN'S THE RED TUNA'S FLESH COLOR IS DAZZLING THANKS TO THE MYOGLOBIN STOCKING OXYGEN IN THE MUSCULAR CELLS.
THEY MIGRATE IN THE OCEANS AND CAN REACH 80KM/H WHEN SWIMMING THEY CROSS OVER 8,000KM EACH YEAR
RED TUNA CAN GROW UP TO THREE METERS AND WEIGH OVER 400KG.

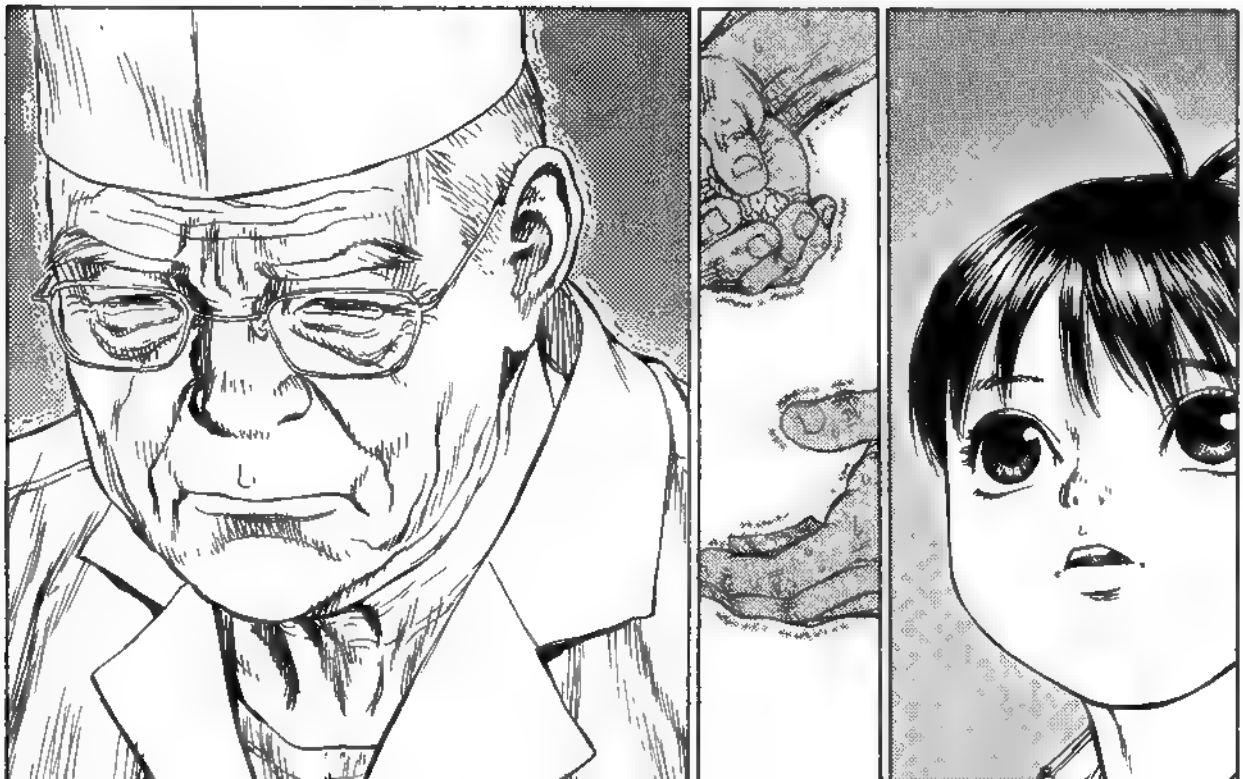

THAT'S WHY RED TUNA IS ONE OF THE TASTIEST SPECIES ON EARTH.
WITHOUT MENTION-ING THE FAT
WHEN THEY PASS THROUGH THAT AREA, THEY MAINLY FEED ON CUTTLEFISH. THAT'S WHY RED TUNA'S FLESH IS SO FIRM AND TASTY
AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, THE BEST RED TUNA ARE CROSSING TSUGARU STRAIT**.

**Tsugaru strait is a channel between Honshu and Hokkaido.

ドン!
TASTE THAT. IT'S THE SECTION CALLED "OTORO "***
IN THE MEIJI ERA, THE RED FLESH WERE TREATED AS THE BEST PARTS, BUT ONCE WE ENTERED INTO THE SHOWA ERA,** IT WAS TORO*** THAT WAS TREASURED.
IN THE PAST, TUNA USED TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE LOW QUALITY FISH, BUT IT HAS PICKED UP IN POPULARITY IN RECENT TIMES. PEOPLE SAY IT STARTED WHEN THE "EBISUZUSHI" STALL AT NIHONBASHI* USED IT FOR SUSHI

*Nihonbashi is a famous bridge is in Tokyo and it's near district.
**Meiji era, from 1868 to 1912. Showa era, from 1926 to 1989.
***Toro and Otoro: Both are fatty belly meat.


PLEASE, SECONDS FOR MY SON.
ALRIGHT...
I DIDN'T KNOW BACK THEN THAT MY FATHER HAD SOLD HIS CAR SO I CAN TASTE THIS TUNA.
NO..
EH? PAPA! AREN'T YOU EATING?



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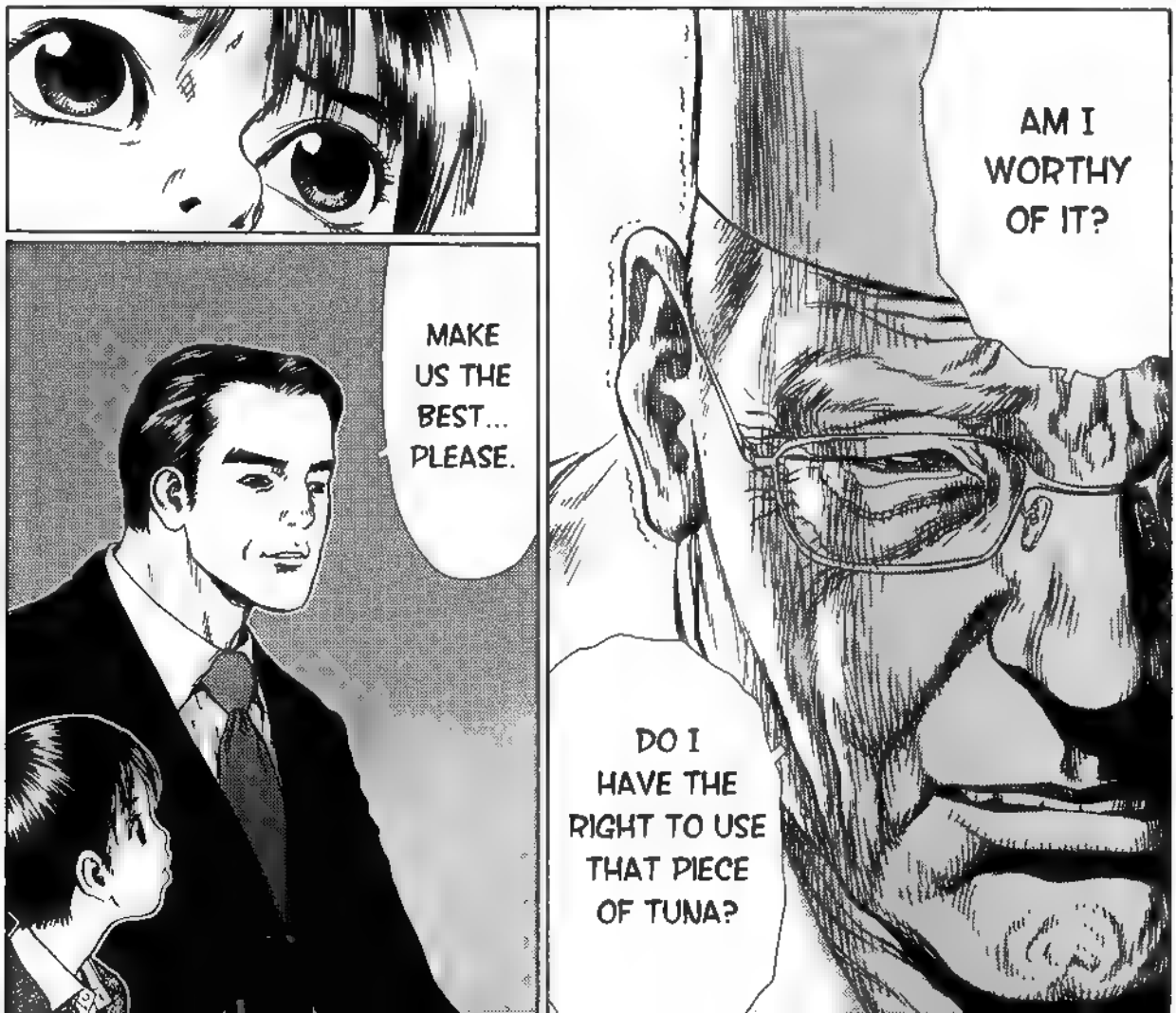
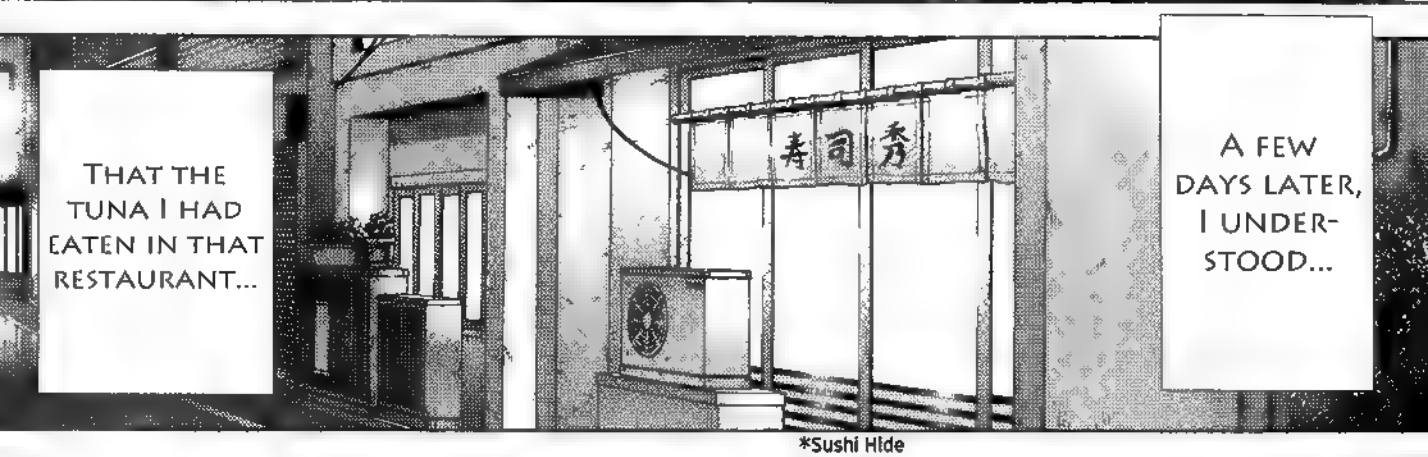

AM I WORTHY OF IT?
DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THAT PIECE OF TUNA?
MAKE US THE BEST... PLEASE.

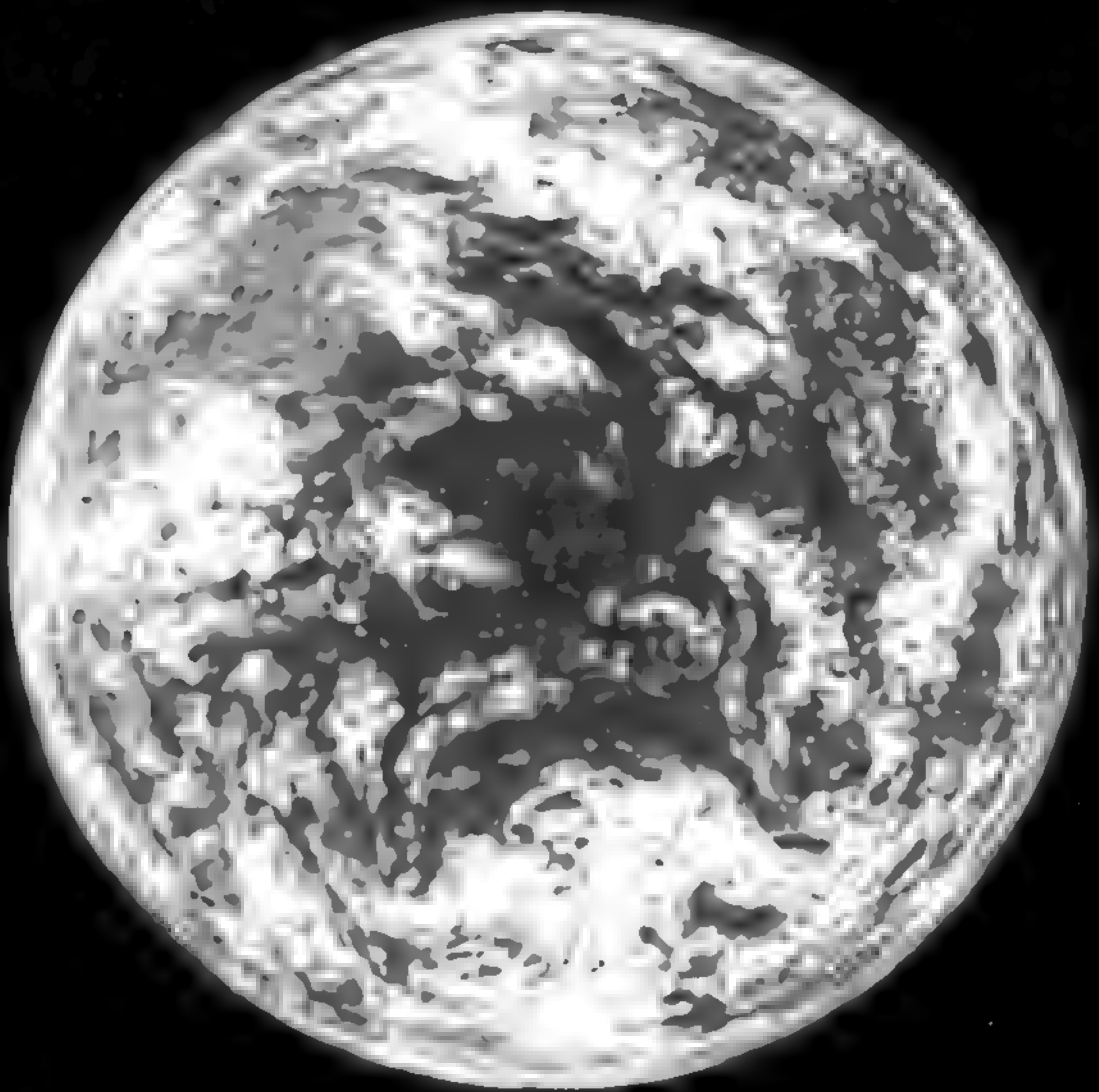
I BELIEVE MY SON HAS THE RIGHT TO EAT THAT PIECE OF TUNA.


THAT THE TUNA I HAD EATEN IN THAT RESTAURANT...
寿司秀
A FEW DAYS LATER, I UNDER-STOOD...

*Sushi Hide

WAS THE LAST ONE OF ITS SPECIES ON EARTH.

As of now,
this planet was
depopulated
of its Tuna.



TV大討論
AMERICANS ARE THE ONES WHO OVER-CONSUMNED THEM BY GULPING CANNED TUNA FOR SOME DIET, RIGHT?
JAPAN
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT
U.S.A
JAPANESE PEOPLE HAVE EATEN TOO MUCH TUNA, THAT'S WHY THEY WENT EXTINCT!!

IN MY WORK DEPARTMENT, THERE'S A MAN WHO DEDICATED HIS LIFE FOR IT.
I DON'T THINK IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TUNA.
WHAT? WHY WOULD THEY BET THEIR LIVES FOR SOME TUNA?
PANATONIC

IF WE DON'T SETTLE THIS, THERE CAN ONLY BE WAR!

I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD A THING FOR THESE HOTHEADED KIND OF GUYS?
HE'S A PASSIONATE MAN WHO ONLY SLEEPS THREE HOURS A NIGHT AS TO LEAD HIS RESEARCH AND SAVE TUNA!

IT'S JUN SHIOZAKI, ONLY 28 BUT THE DIRECTOR OF THE TUNA RESEARCH SECTION FOR THE JAYA COMPANY.

THAT'S ENOUGH! NOW GET BACK TO WORK!
EVEN FOR THAT SATELLITE, SHIOZAKI WAS THE ONE WHO DESIGNED IT!
ISN'T IT A BIT OVERBOARD TO SEARCH FOR TUNA WITH A SATELLITE?
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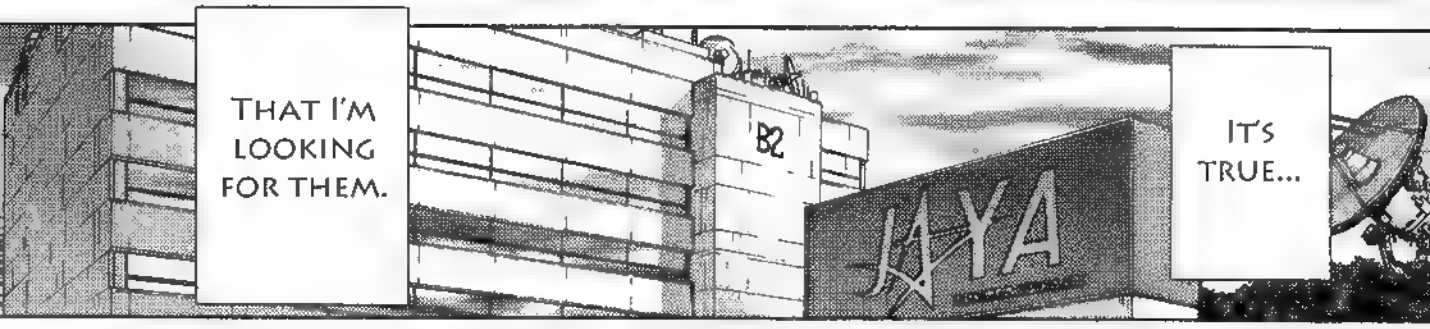
THAT I'M LOOKING FOR THEM.
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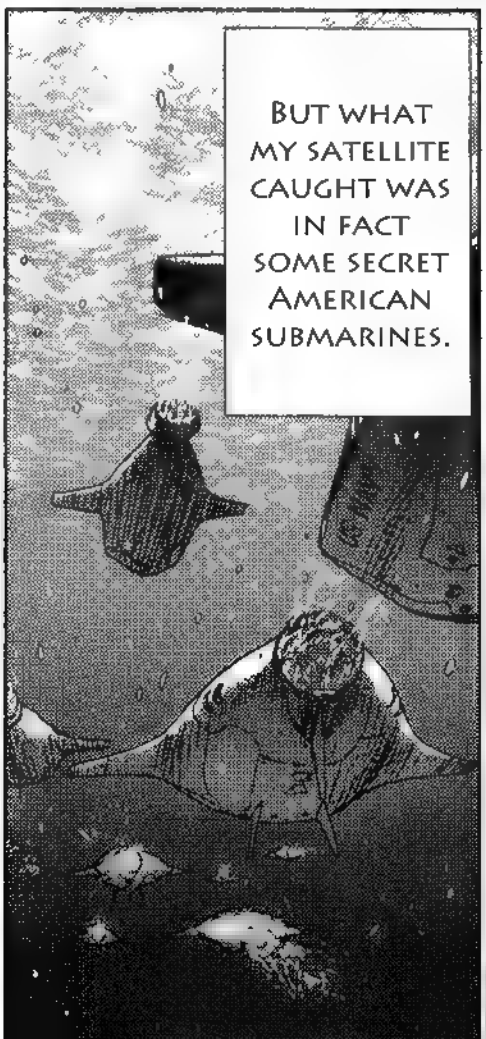
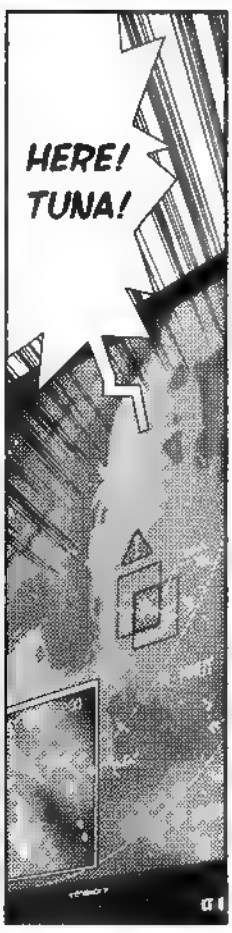
IT'S TRUE...


BUT WHAT MY SATELLITE CAUGHT WAS IN FACT SOME SECRET AMERICAN SUBMARINES.

THAT'S IT, FOUND THEM!


HERE! TUNA!

WHOA!
HOURAY!
DOCTOR SHIOZAKI, THE HERO WHO SAVED JAPAN!
YOU WANT TO START A WAR FOR TUNA?
WELL, IN REALITY.
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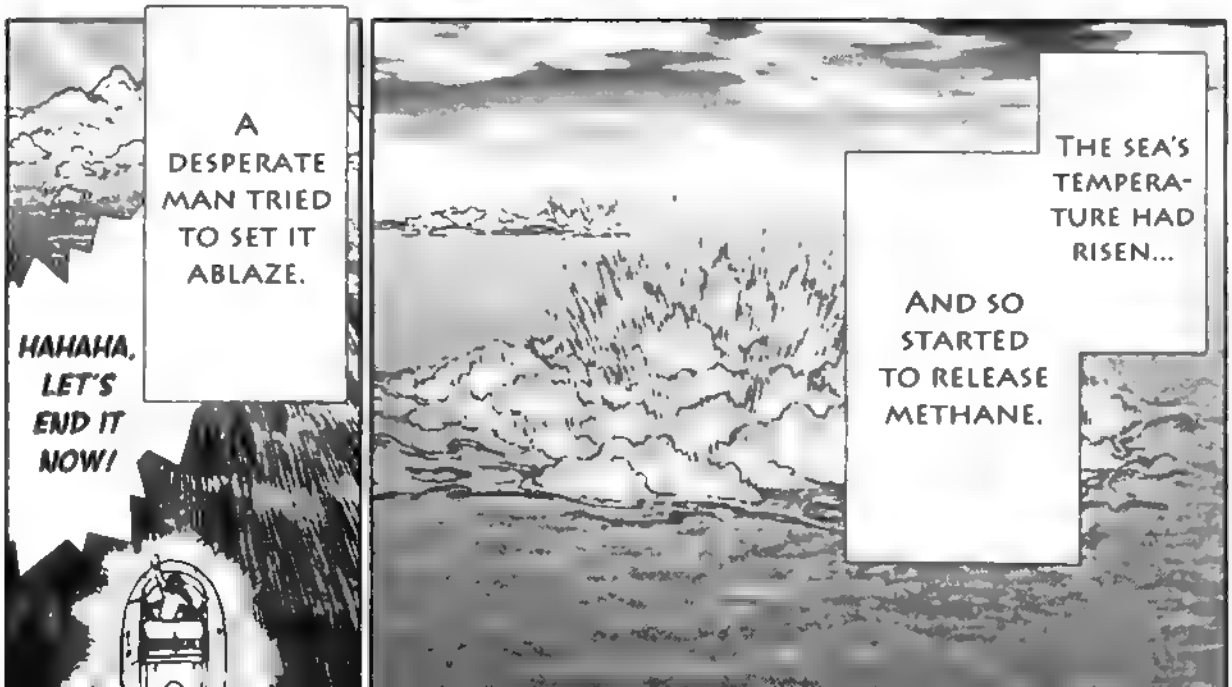
A DESPERATE MAN TRIED TO SET IT ABLAZE.
HAHAHA, LET'S END IT NOW!
THE SEA'S TEMPERATURE HAD RISEN...
AND SO STARTED TO RELEASE METHANE.

WORLD of EXCREMENT
HUMANITY PRODUCES AN AMOUNT OF METHANE INCOMPARABLE TO THE QUANTITY EXPULSED FROM THE SEA LEPTO
JAPANESE PRODUCE OVER 100,000,000 TONS OF EXCREMENT DAILY
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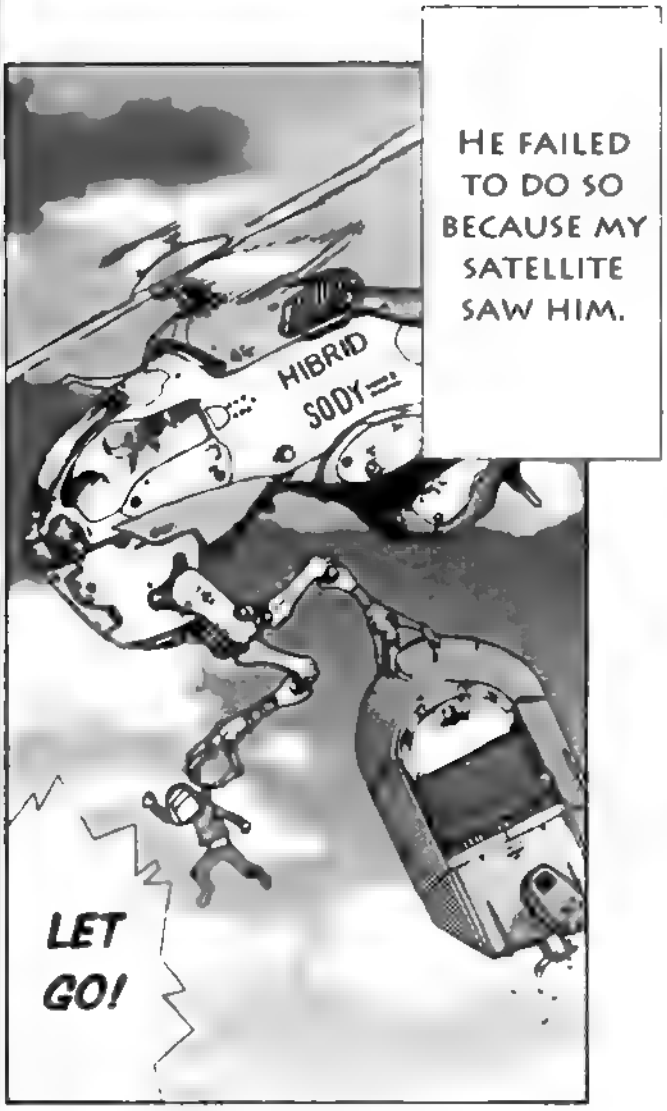
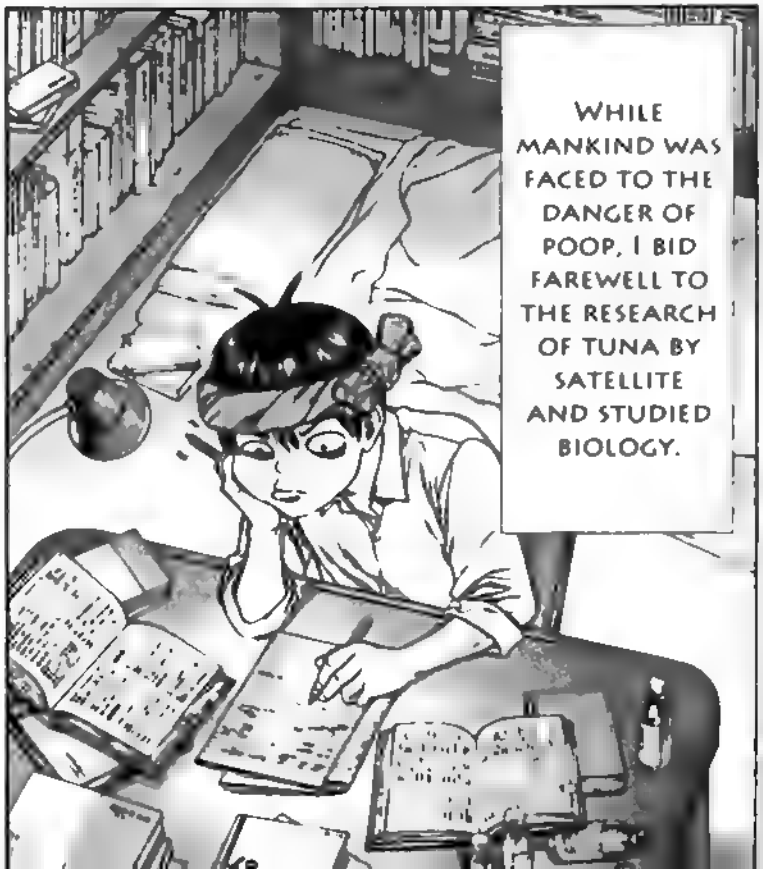

HE FAILED TO DO SO BECAUSE MY SATELLITE SAW HIM.
HIBRID SODY
LET GO!


WHILE MANKIND WAS FACED TO THE DANGER OF POOP, I BID FAREWELL TO THE RESEARCH OF TUNA BY SATELLITE AND STUDIED BIOLOGY.

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HOWEVER, I WON'T ABANDON THEM SO EASILY!
I KNOW THAT TUNA WENT EXTINCT.
IF THEY NO LONGER EXIST, I'LL MAKE THEM MYSELF!
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!
WHY DID WE EAT THEM ALL!?
BUT I WAS UNABLE TO FIND THE SLIGHTEST BIOLOGIC TISSUE.
I GOT MY DEGREES, I WAS NOW ABLE TO RESEARCH ON TUNA'S CLONING.

400G OF TUNA!
AT LAST I FOUND...
WHEN ODAIBA BEGAN TO
PRO-FESSOR SHIO-ZAKI!
IT'S A FIFTY YEAR OLD PIECE OF TUNA. STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOWA ERA!
WHOA!
IT SEEMS LIKE A FISHING COMPANY'S WORKER HAD HIDDEN IT

WE CAN'T TRUST THE RESEARCH CENTER'S PEOPLE WITH THAT TUNA!
NO, NO, I WASN'T GOING TO DO THAT...
PROFESSOR, NO! YOU CAN'T EAT IT!

HAVE YOU THAWED IT OUT YET?
HEY, TANIGUCHI ..

PRO-
FESSOR
SHIO-
ZAKI!
AH!

I ASKED YOU TO THROW IT UP, BUT YOU RAN AWAY!
SHUT UP!
I'M SORRY, SO SORRY.
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EARTH WAS NOW DEVOID OF ANY TUNA.
THE LAST PIECE OF TUNA JOINED THOSE DAILY 100,000 TONS PRODUCED IN JAPAN.
WORLD of EXCREMENT
HEY, TANI-GUCHI!
WHAT'S THAT SOUND!?
WE MUST RECOVER YOUR SHIT!
BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET SOME TUNA'S DNA FROM YOUR EXCRE-MENT!
FUUUUSH

LOCK ALL THE SEPTIC TANKS OF THE CENTRE!
AH...
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OH...
EH... AH!?
SORRY, IT WAS A NATURAL REFLEX...
SORRY, MY FATHER IS SO STUPID...
ARGH! IT STINKS!
STAY STRONG!!
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YOU MAKE YOUR DAUGHTER APOLOGIZE FOR YOU? YOU'RE REALLY A LOSER!
NO! WE HAVE ABOUT 100,000 DIFFERENT TYPES OF DNA DETECTED!
FUCK OFF, FLIES!
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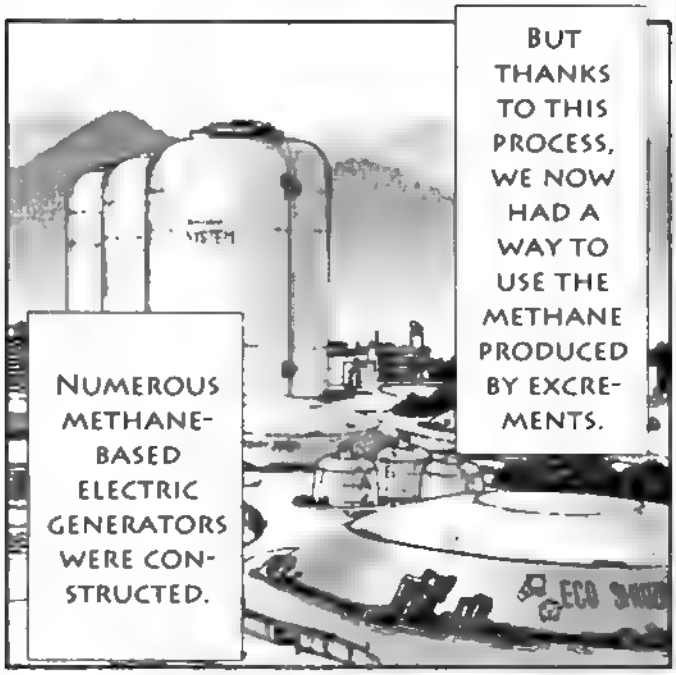
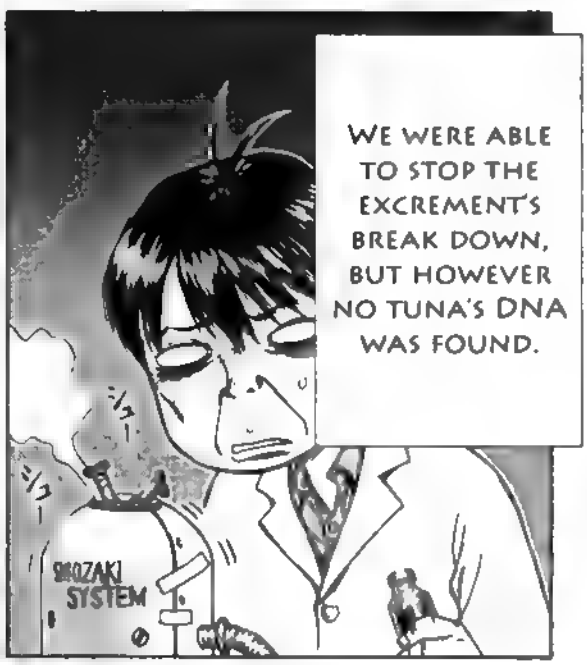
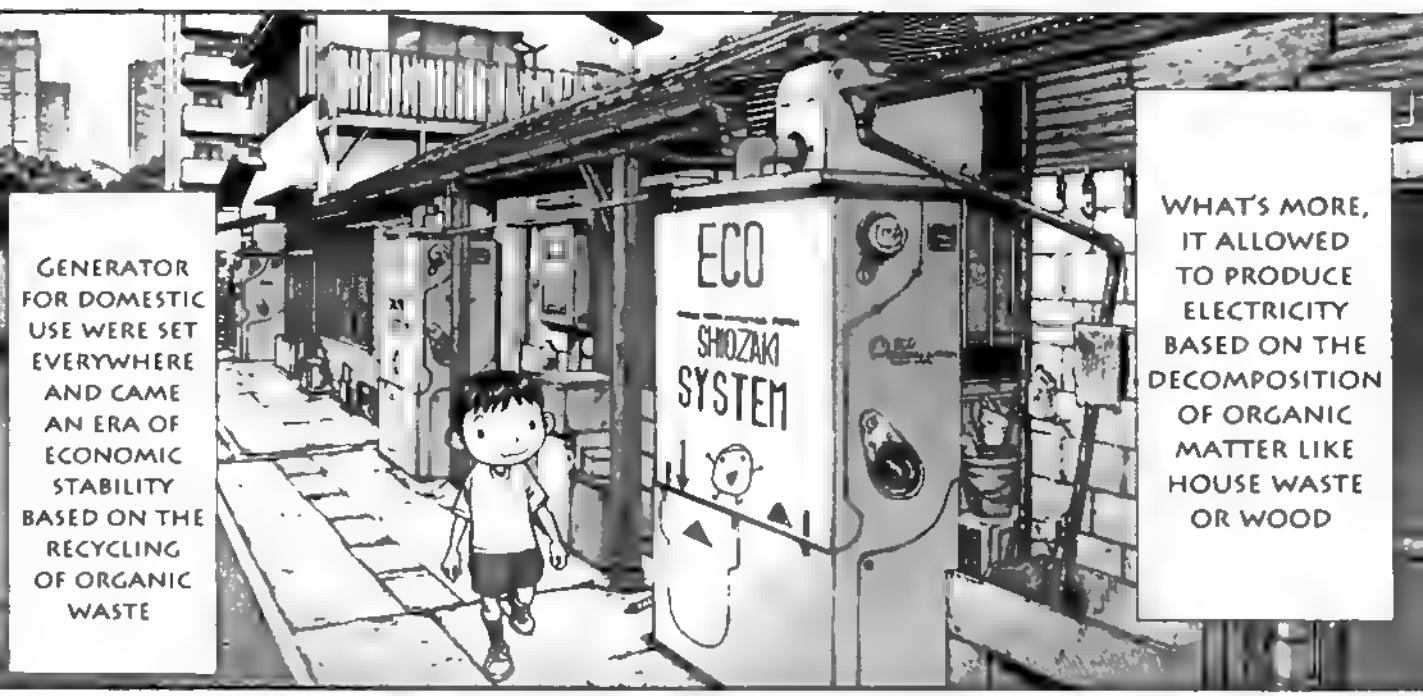
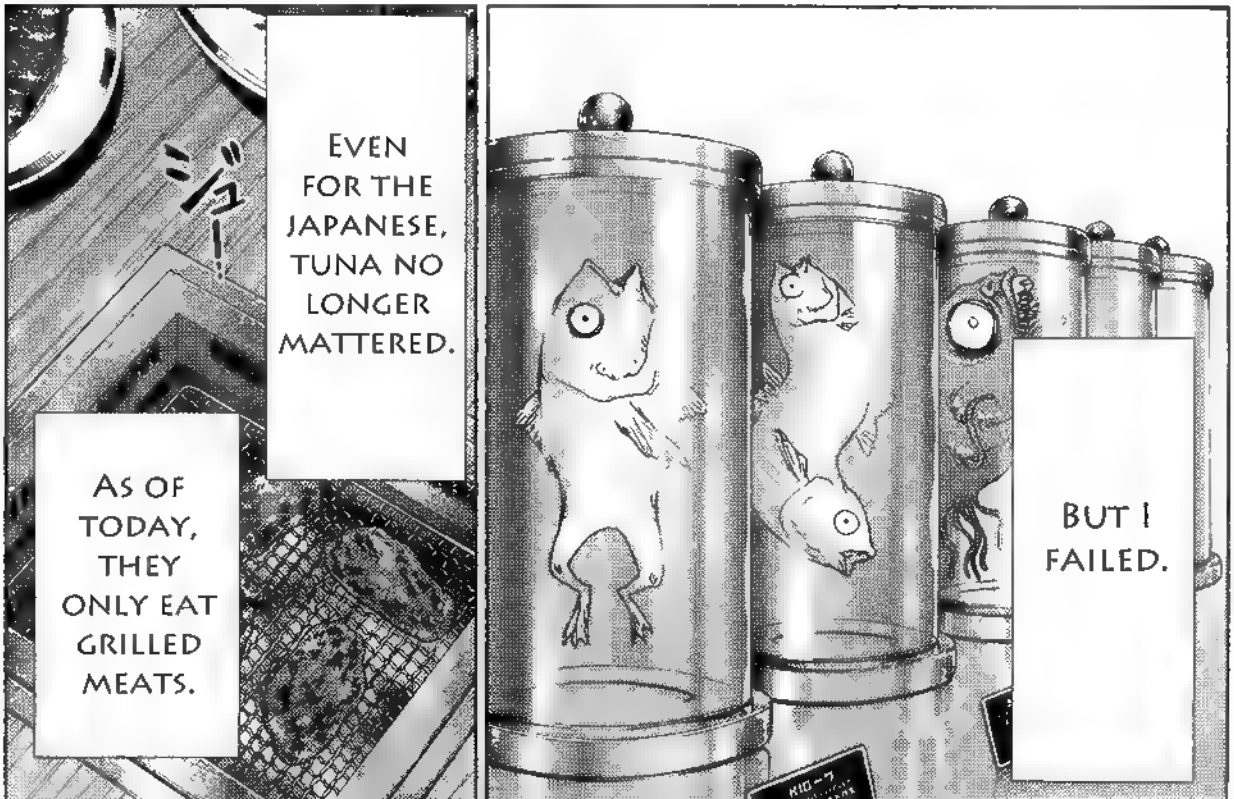
WE MUST FIND A WAY TO CONTROL THE SEPTIC TANK!
THE DNA IN THE EXCREMENT WILL BREAK DOWN!


NUMEROUS METHANE-BASED ELECTRIC GENERATORS WERE CONSTRUCTED.
BUT THANKS TO THIS PROCESS, WE NOW HAD A WAY TO USE THE METHANE PRODUCED BY EXCREMENTS.


WE WERE ABLE TO STOP THE EXCREMENT'S BREAK DOWN, BUT HOWEVER NO TUNA'S DNA WAS FOUND.
SHOZAKI SYSTEM


GENERATOR FOR DOMESTIC USE WERE SET EVERYWHERE AND CAME AN ERA OF ECONOMIC STABILITY BASED ON THE RECYCLING OF ORGANIC WASTE
ECO
SHOZAKI SYSTEM
WHAT'S MORE, IT ALLOWED TO PRODUCE ELECTRICITY BASED ON THE DECOMPOSITION OF ORGANIC MATTER LIKE HOUSE WASTE OR WOOD

I'LL MERGE THE DNAS OF VARIOUS SCOMBRIDAE FISH!
I'LL CREATE THEIR GENOME MYSELF!
I GAVE UP ON THE IDEA OF FINDING TUNA'S CELL.
WHEN ENERGETIC ISSUES WERE RESOLVED...
I'LL CEASE TO SEARCH BLINDLY.
BUT I WON'T ABANDON TUNA.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EVEN FOR THE JAPANESE, TUNA NO LONGER MATTERED.
AS OF TODAY, THEY ONLY EAT GRILLED MEATS.
BUT I FAILED.

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MY LAST EXPERIMENT WAS A FAILURE.
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A TUNA!
IT... IT DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE...
MY GOD...

WHOA!

AND THEN MULTIPLIED

THE BEING THAT I HAD CREATED FLEED IN THE SEA.
WHAT'S THAT?

THE WHOLE SEA

BUT THE SEA WAS NOW A PLACE WHERE TUNA COULD NO LONGER LIVE.
CONSE-QUENTLY, THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE FELL IMMEDIATELY.
THEY AB-SORBED ALL THE CARBON DIOXYDE IN THE AIR.
PROFESSOR SHIOZAKI...
EXIT
A mouse?
AH? A MOUSE?
YOGO, MEN DID ALL THEY COULD TO CURE CANCER.
BUT EVEN WITH SUCH ACHIEVEMENT, YOU STILL SUFFER FROM THE TUNA'S EXTINCTION?
YOU PREVENTED MAKIND'S ANNIHILATION.
IT'S A MOUSE...
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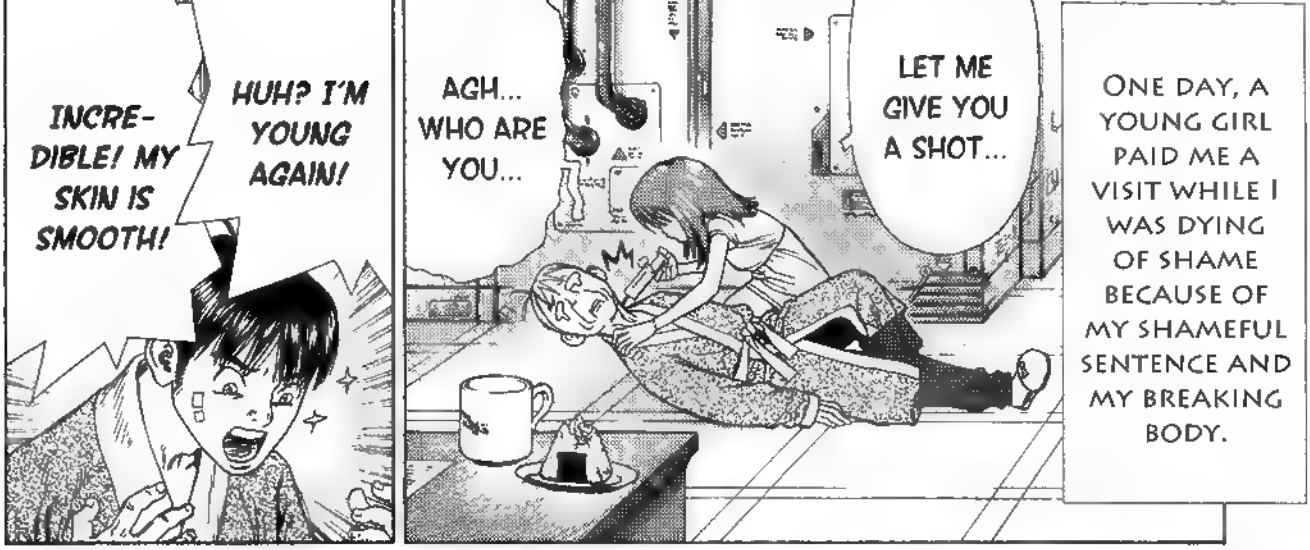
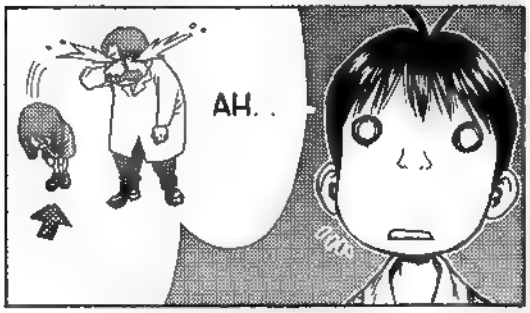
HUMANITY USED TITANIC RESOURCES TO CREATE AN ANTI-CANCER DRUG SPECIFIC FOR MICE.
NEW MEDICINES, ALL OF OUR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, GAVE RESULTS ON MICE, BUT NOT ON HUMANS.
BUT WE HAVE YET TO FIND ANYTHING ABLE TO FIGHT AGAINST THAT ILLNESS
ISN'T IT IRONIC?
IN A WAY...

ANTI-CANCER MEDS FOR MICE...
MAYBE THAT'S THE REAL NATURE OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS.

IF SUCH IS SCIENCE'S NATURE...
EVEN...
A SCIENTIST CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE THING· FULFILL HIS OWN DREAM
DOCTOR SHIOZAKI WON THE NOBEL PEACE AND PHYSIOLOGY PRIZES.
HE SOLVED THE ENERGY CRISIS THANKS TO A NEW RESOURCE...
AND CREATED A NEW BEING REGULATING EARTH TEM-PERATURE...

IT'S A MOUSE...
PLEASE DOCTOR, A WORD.
SORRY?


INCRE-DIBLE! MY SKIN IS SMOOTH!
HUH? I'M YOUNG AGAIN!
AGH... WHO ARE YOU...
LET ME GIVE YOU A SHOT...
ONE DAY, A YOUNG GIRL PAID ME A VISIT WHILE I WAS DYING OF SHAME BECAUSE OF MY SHAMEFUL SENTENCE AND MY BREAKING BODY.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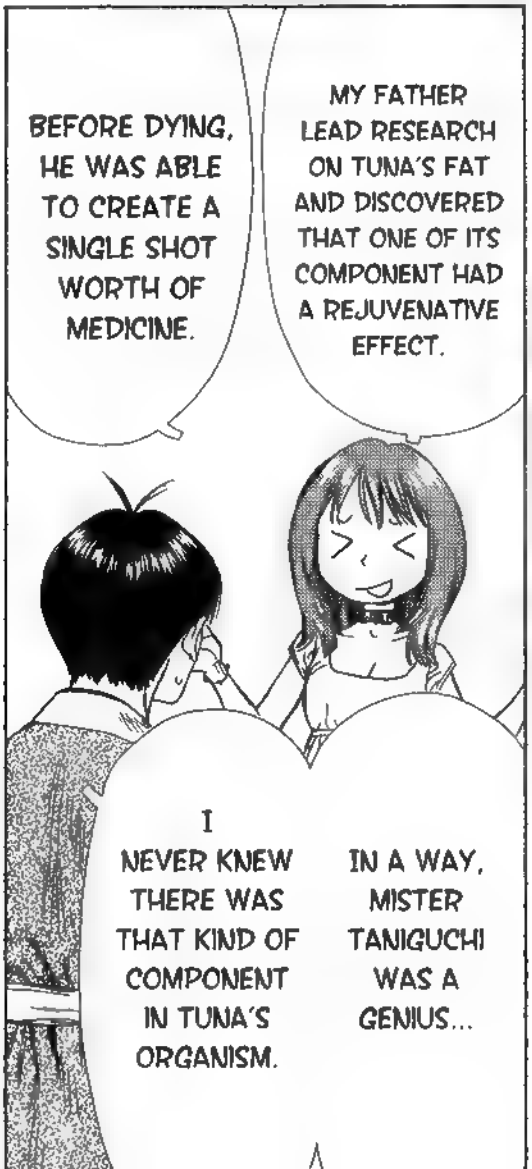
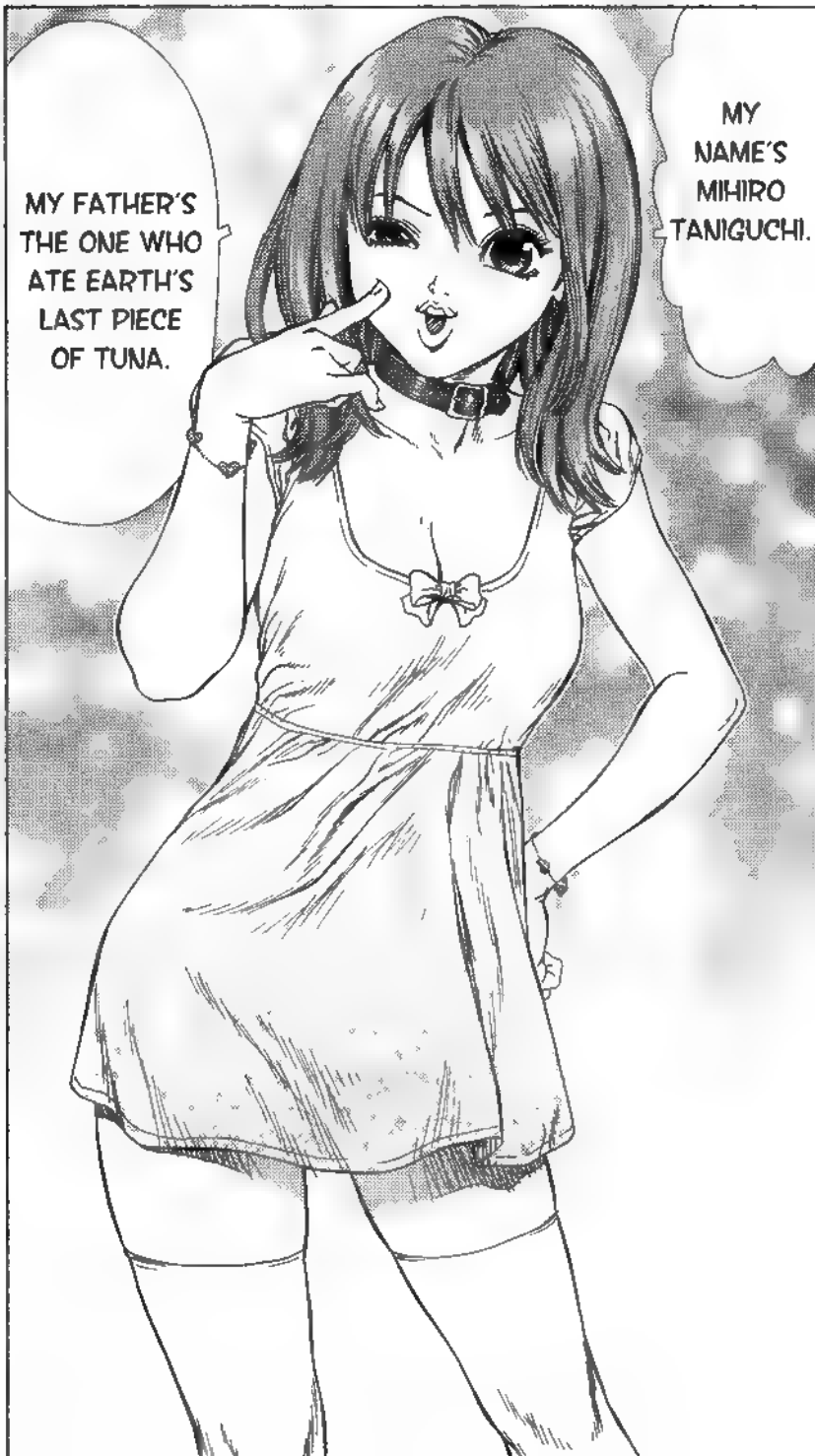
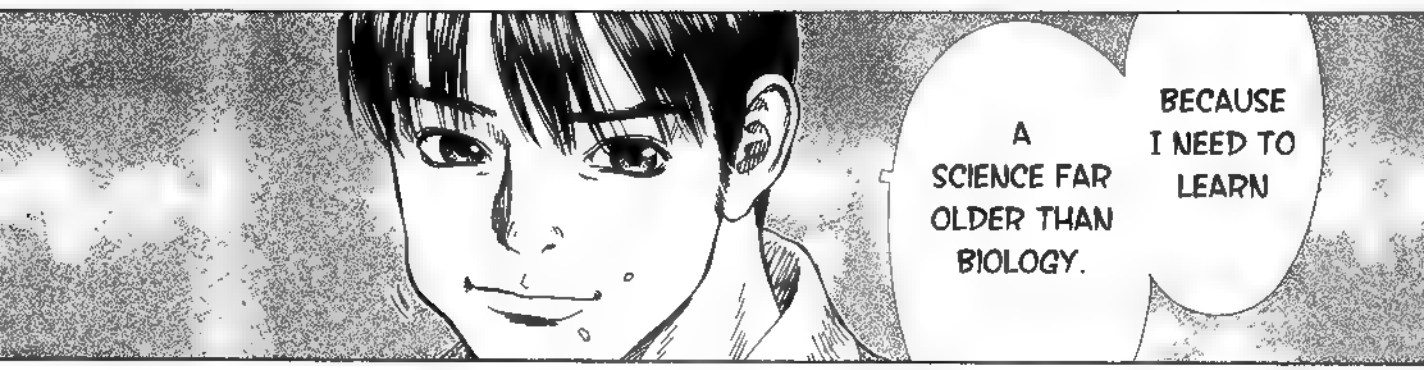
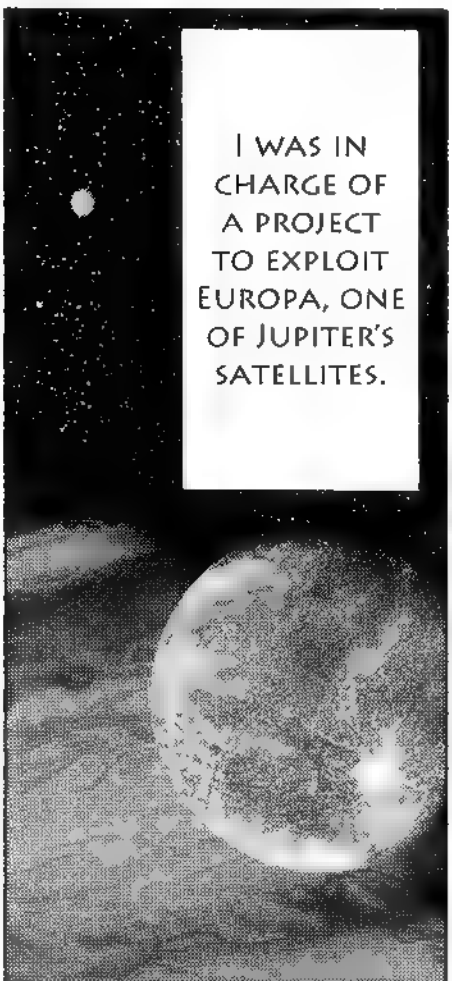

BEFORE DYING, HE WAS ABLE TO CREATE A SINGLE SHOT WORTH OF MEDICINE.
MY FATHER LEAD RESEARCH ON TUNA'S FAT AND DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF ITS COMPONENT HAD A REJUVENATIVE EFFECT.
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS THAT KIND OF COMPONENT IN TUNA'S ORGANISM.
IN A WAY, MISTER TANIGUCHI WAS A GENIUS...

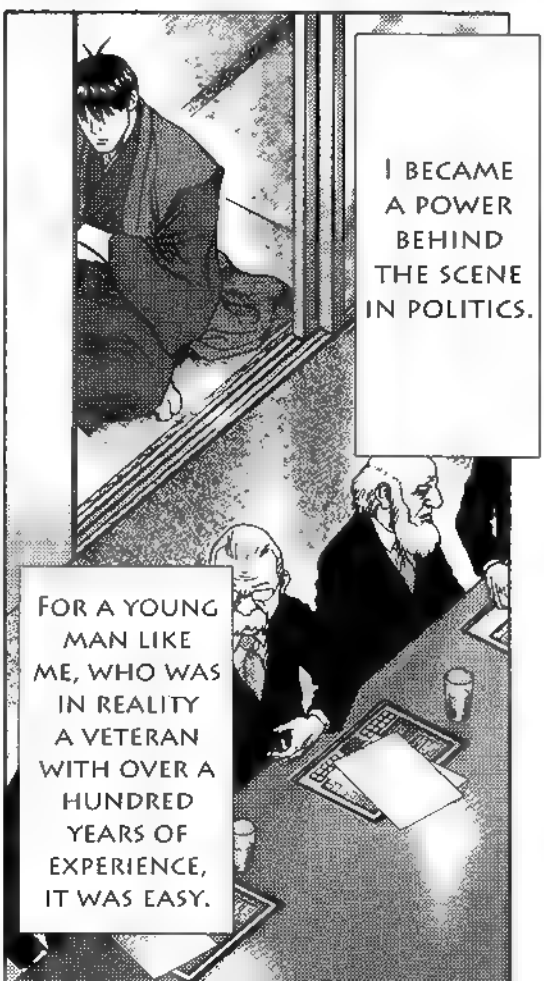

MY FATHER'S THE ONE WHO ATE EARTH'S LAST PIECE OF TUNA.
MY NAME'S MIHIRO TANIGUCHI.

YOU CAN NOW CONTINUE YOUR RESEARCH ON TUNA, RIGHT?
YES BUT I NEED TO EXPLOIT ANOTHER WAY
WHAT I WANT NOW IS POLITICAL POWER.


BECAUSE I NEED TO LEARN
A SCIENCE FAR OLDER THAN BIOLOGY.


I WAS IN CHARGE OF A PROJECT TO EXPLOIT EUROPA, ONE OF JUPITER'S SATELLITES.

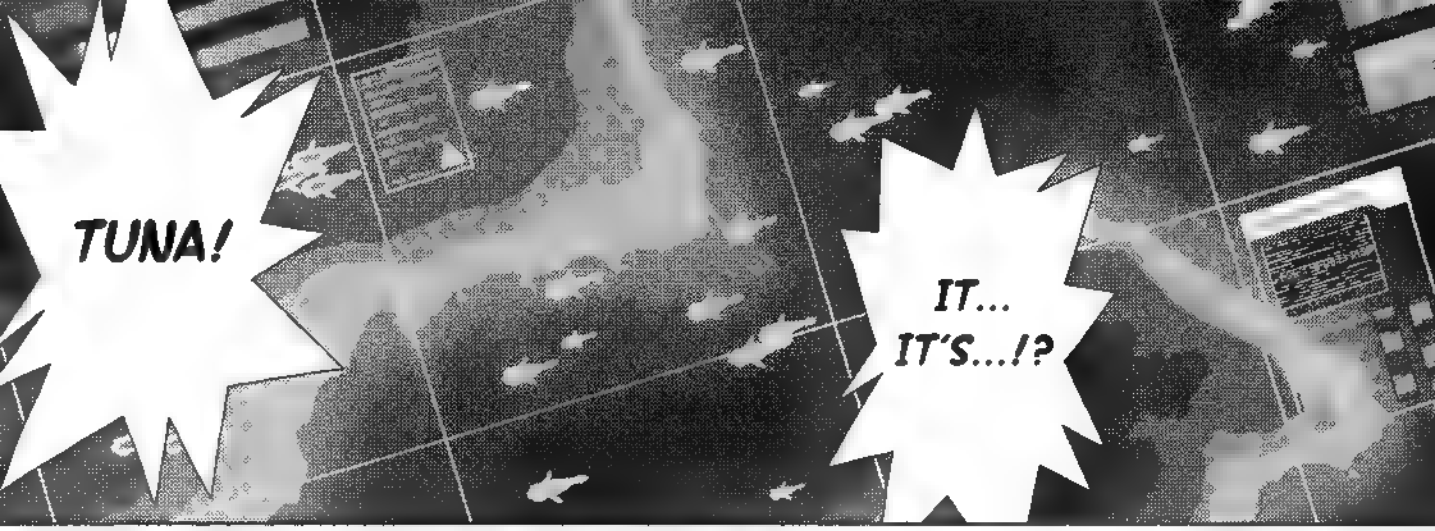
I MARRIED MIHIRO.

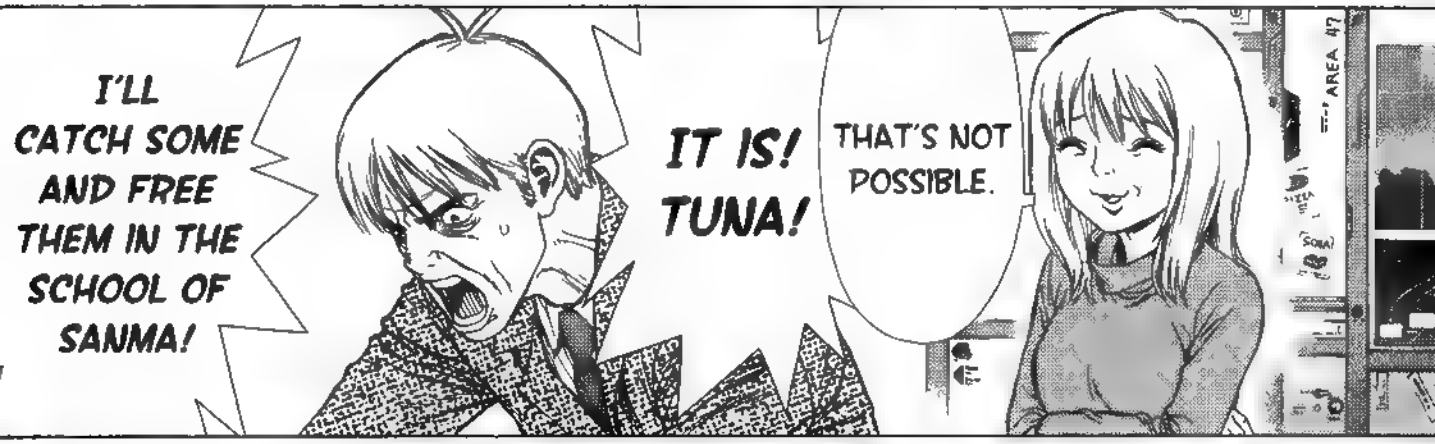

I BECAME A POWER BEHIND THE SCENE IN POLITICS.
FOR A YOUNG MAN LIKE ME, WHO WAS IN REALITY A VETERAN WITH OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, IT WAS EASY.

BUT ON EUROPE, THIS FROZEN SATELLITE, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE.
WE MIXED AN ANTIMATTER LASER AND MELTED EUROPA'S ICE TO CREATE A SEA.
TUNA COULD NO LONGER LIVE IN OUR PLANET'S SEAS
A LITTLE AFTER, A SPACESHIP SENT FROM EARTH WOULD BE GIVEN THE PERMISSION TO LAND ON EUROPA.
A HUNDRED MILLION SANMA LOVING ASIAN MIGRATED TO EUROPA.
WHAT A GOOD CATCH!
SO WE DECIDED TO FARM SANMA IN EUROPA'S SEA. IT ALLOWED US TO PRODUCE AS MUCH AS TODAY'S TWENTY THOUSAND TONS OF SANMA EVERY YEAR.

*Sanma is a fish from the mackerelpike family living in Japan seas. The Japanese widely eat it in autumn.

**Set-up TV is a private Japanese TV channel


TUNA!
IT...
IT'S...!?


I'LL CATCH SOME AND FREE THEM IN THE SCHOOL OF SANMA!
IT IS! TUNA!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
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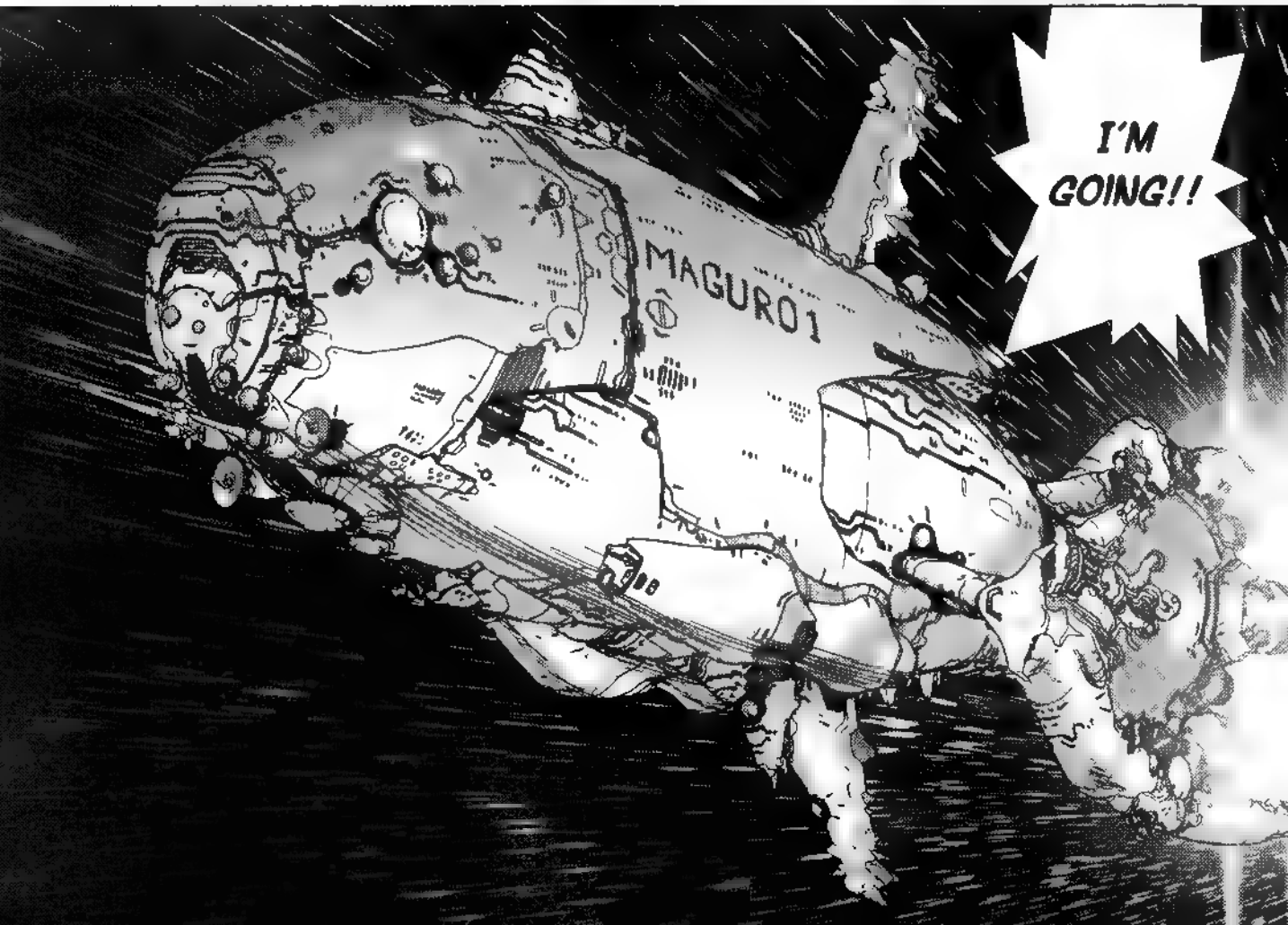
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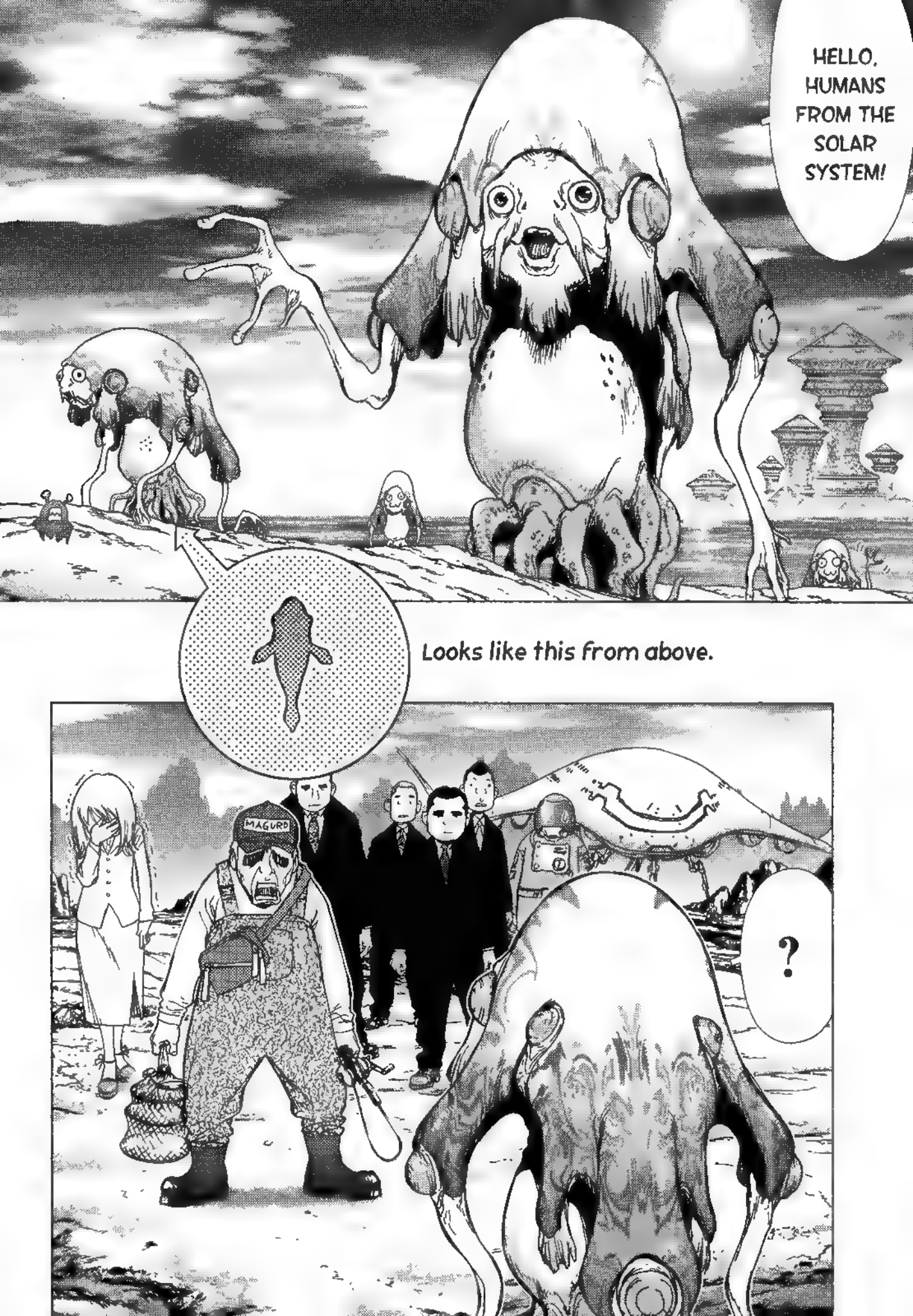
I'M GOING!!


HELLO, HUMANS FROM THE SOLAR SYSTEM!
Looks like this from above.
MAGURD
?

DARLING!
We signed a cultural exchange treaty with this planet's beings.
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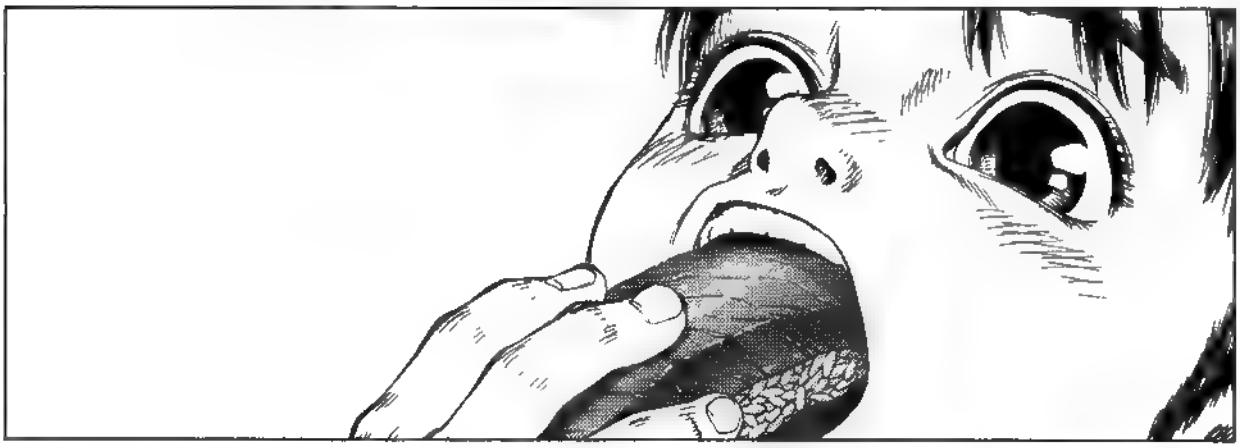
We returned to the earth.

IN FACT, I...
TO TUNA?
WHY ARE YOU SO ATTACHED
HONEY... JUN...

GO FOR IT!
JUN...



I BELIEVE MY SON HAS THE RIGHT TO EAT THAT PIECE OF TUNA.

YOU WERE RIGHT, DAD

DOCTOR SHIOZAKI, SOMETHING BAD IS HAPPENING ON EARTH
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE CREATURE I HAD CREATED NEVER CEASED TO EVOLVE...
AND IT WAS NOW OUT OF CONTROL.
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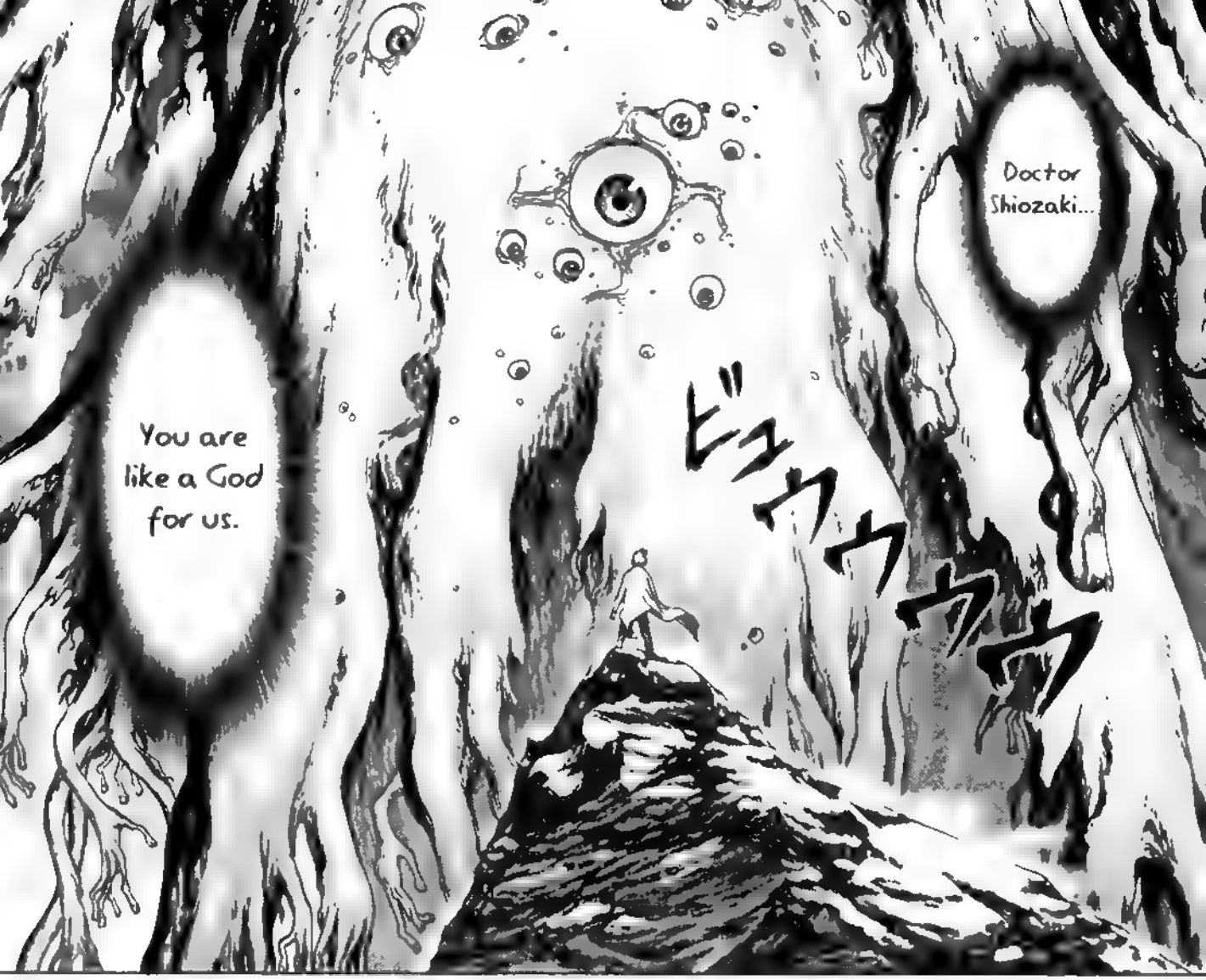
You are like a God for us.
Doctor Shiozaki...
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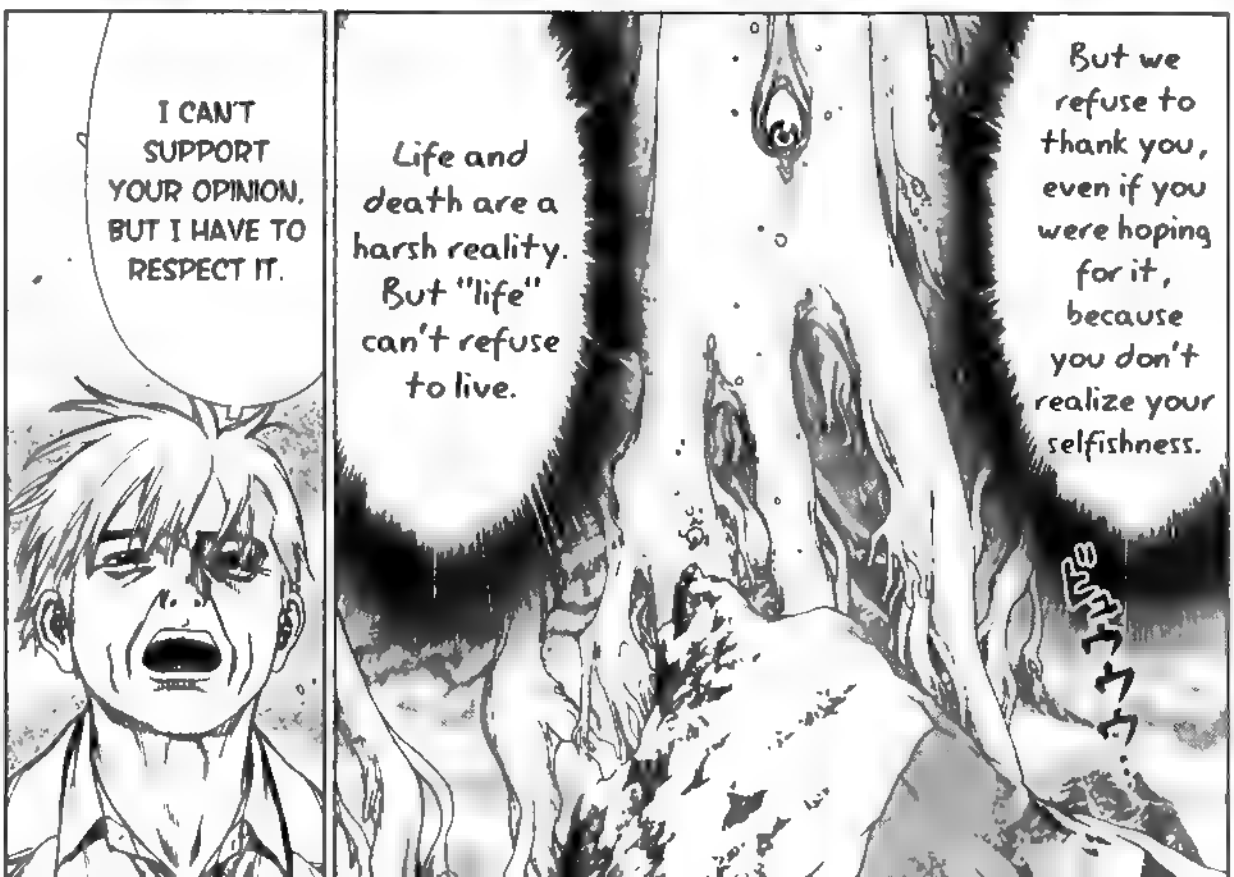
I CAN'T SUPPORT YOUR OPINION, BUT I HAVE TO RESPECT IT.
Life and death are a harsh reality. But "life" can't refuse to live.
But we refuse to thank you, even if you were hoping for it, because you don't realize your selfishness.
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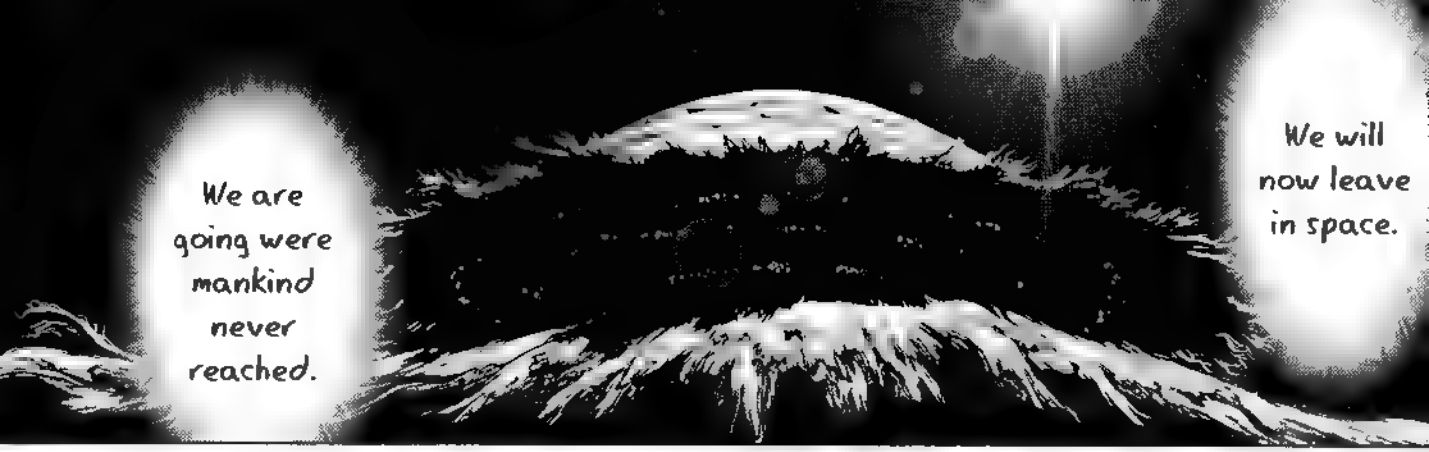
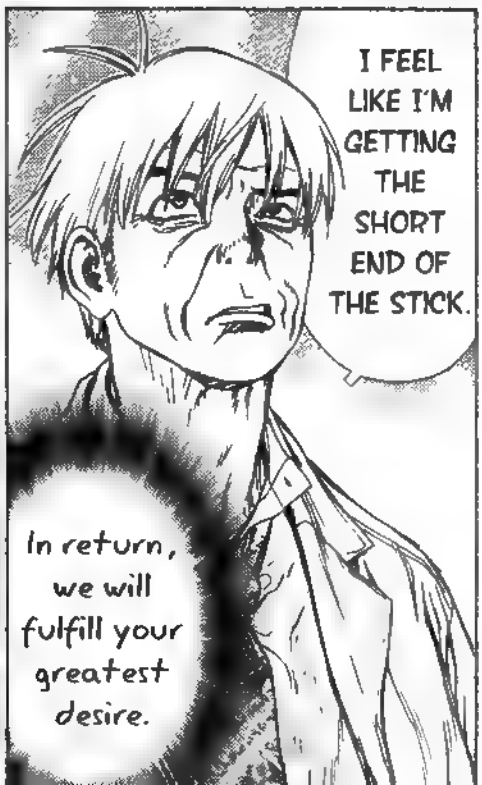

We are going were mankind never reached.
We will now leave in space.

Can you accept it?
And your spirit will leave with us.
But we will end the physical existence of our creator.

ALRIGHT!
SEEMS LIKE I CAN'T REFUSE THAT OFFER.


I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING THE SHORT END OF THE STICK.
In return, we will fulfill your greatest desire.

IN THE SEA!!
TUNA...
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT...
Well, if you wish for the ecologic system to be perfect, we must also resurrect all of the species which disappeared as a consequence
The extinction of a species is really easy, but bringing it back is extremely difficult.
Against all odds, your wish is rather complicated to fulfill.
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But what good would it do if we don't suppress the factors leading to their disappearance?
There is a way to resurrect tuna.

NO!
JUN!
ALSO...
MIHIRO, I WANTED TO TELL YOU...
I LOVE YOU...
AND THANK YOU...
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I PARTI-
CULARLY
WISH
THAT...
TUNA LIVE
FOREVER...

THE SEAS WERE FULL OF TUNA.
THE DEEP BLUE OF THE SEAS WAS REFLECTED IN HIS EYES.

IT WAS ALL FOR THE TUNA/end

SUSHI SQUADRON

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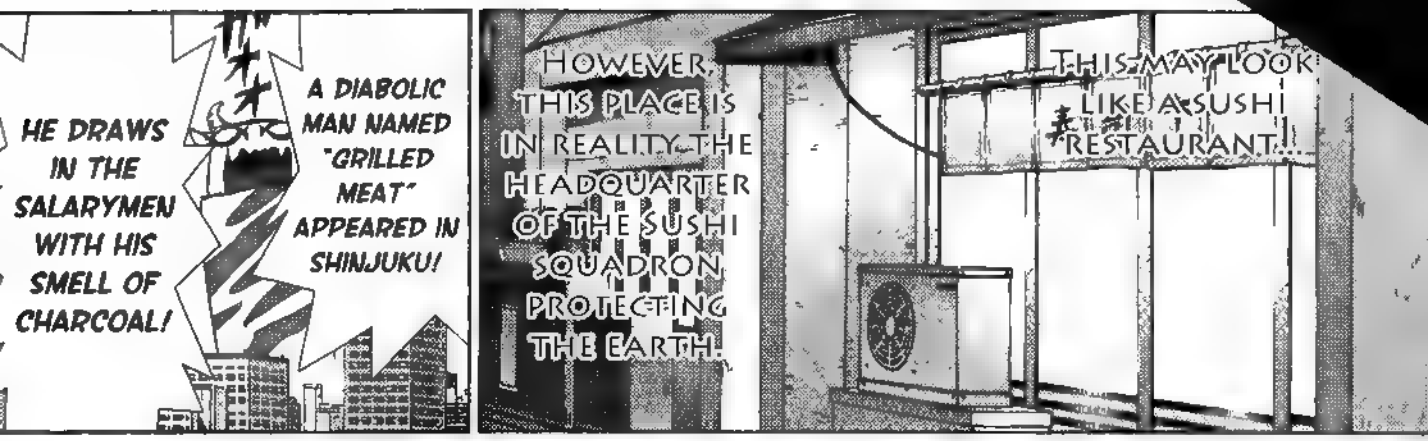

A DIABOLIC MAN NAMED "GRILLED MEAT" APPEARED IN SHINJUKU!
HE DRAWS IN THE SALARYMEN WITH HIS SMELL OF CHARCOAL!
THIS MAY LOOK LIKE A SUSHI RESTAURANT...
HOWEVER, THIS PLACE IS IN REALITY THE HEADQUARTER OF THE SUSHI SQUADRON PROTECTING THE EARTH.

IF THAT'S SO, I'LL TRANSFORM INTO SUPER "RED SUSHI" WARRIOR!
I'M NOW REALLY STRONG THANKS TO TAURINE AND OMEGA 3.
HERE SHE IS! "RED SUSHI" WARRIOR AND HER SCANDALOUS FIGURE SEEN FROM BEHIND!

*The red tuna Oma comes from the fishing farm of the city named Oma (Aomori department), in front of Tsugaru stralt.

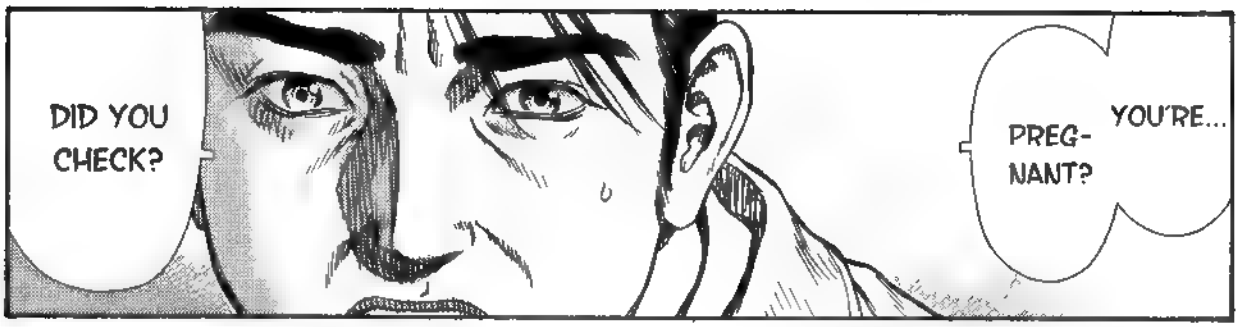
NO! I AM THE BEST STEAK, I CAN'T BE DEFEATED!
TAKE THIS! ANTI-CHOLES-TEROL KICK!
THE GRILLED MEAT RESTAURANT THAT JUST HADIOPENED IMMEDIATELY CLOSED.
THE EARTH IS SAFE ONCE MORE THANKS TO THE SUSHI SQUADRON
I RECOMMEND YOU TO HIDE YOUR BACK WITH SOME SEAWEED OR SOMETHING SIMILAR ..
ガラ
YOU WORRY MORE ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS THAN THE EARTH..
HAHA HAHA
MY RES-TAURANT IS SAFE IN THIS CITY!
MI... MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
GOOD LUCK, SUSHI SQUADRON!
SUSHI SQUADRON/end

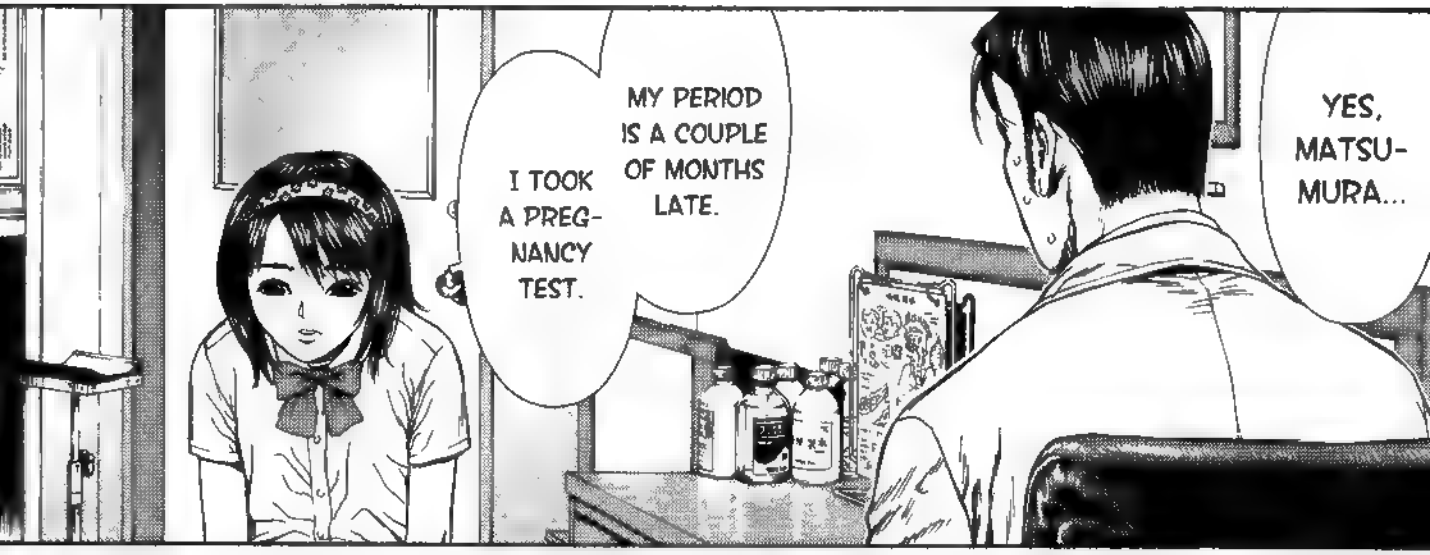
UH!!
UH...
UH...

Stephanos

KYA!
BUEH!

YOU DIRTIED...
MISS... HIROSUE...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, NORIKO?
TEACHER! LOOK AT NORIKO!
AH...


DID YOU CHECK?
YOU'RE... PREG-NANT?


I TOOK A PREG-NANCY TEST.
MY PERIOD IS A COUPLE OF MONTHS LATE.
YES, MATSU-MURA...

ゴゴ…

NORIKO, I'M SORRY, BUT...
I RECOM-MEND YOU TO GET AN OPERATION.
BUT NOT IN MY HOSPITAL, I'LL RECOM-MEND YOU TO A QUIETER PLACE

MY TUMMY IS STARTING TO SWELL.
LOOK...
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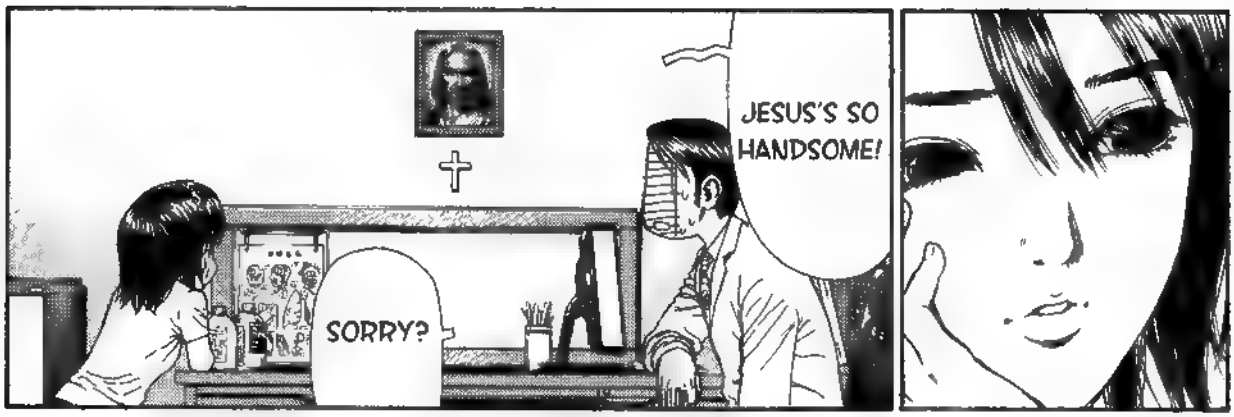
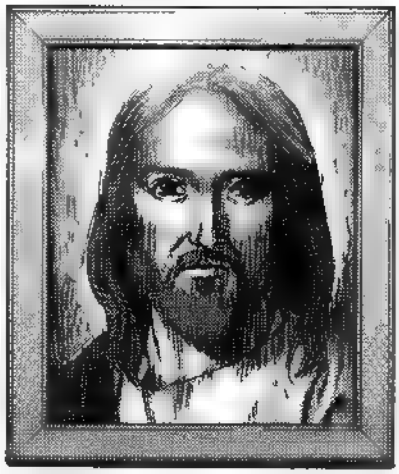
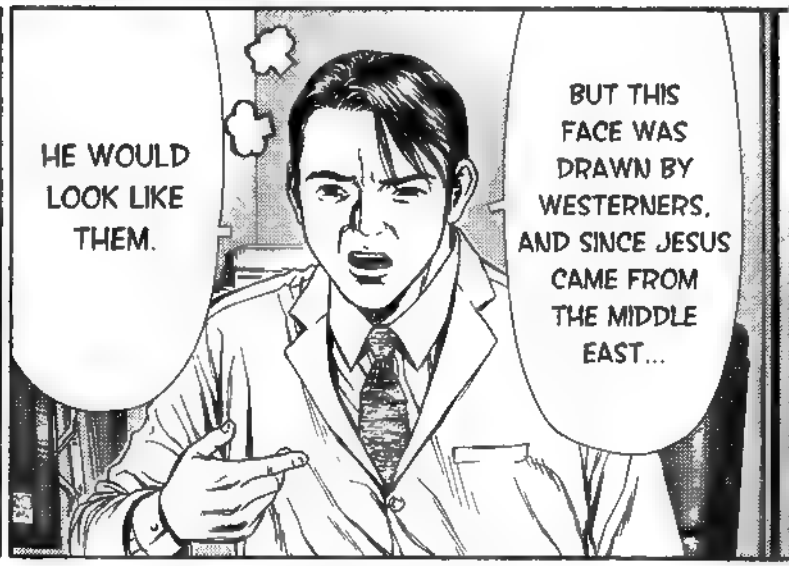




IF I HAVE A CHILD, I'D LIKE HIM TO LOOK LIKE JESUS.

EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO, AS I'M A HIGHSCHOOL STUDENT DATING A MARRIED MAN.



I'D LIKE TO
GIVE BIRTH TO MY CHILD.

BY THE WAY, CAN I BORROW 5000 YEN? I'D LIKE TO BUY A NEW DRESS
BEER GARDEN
.....

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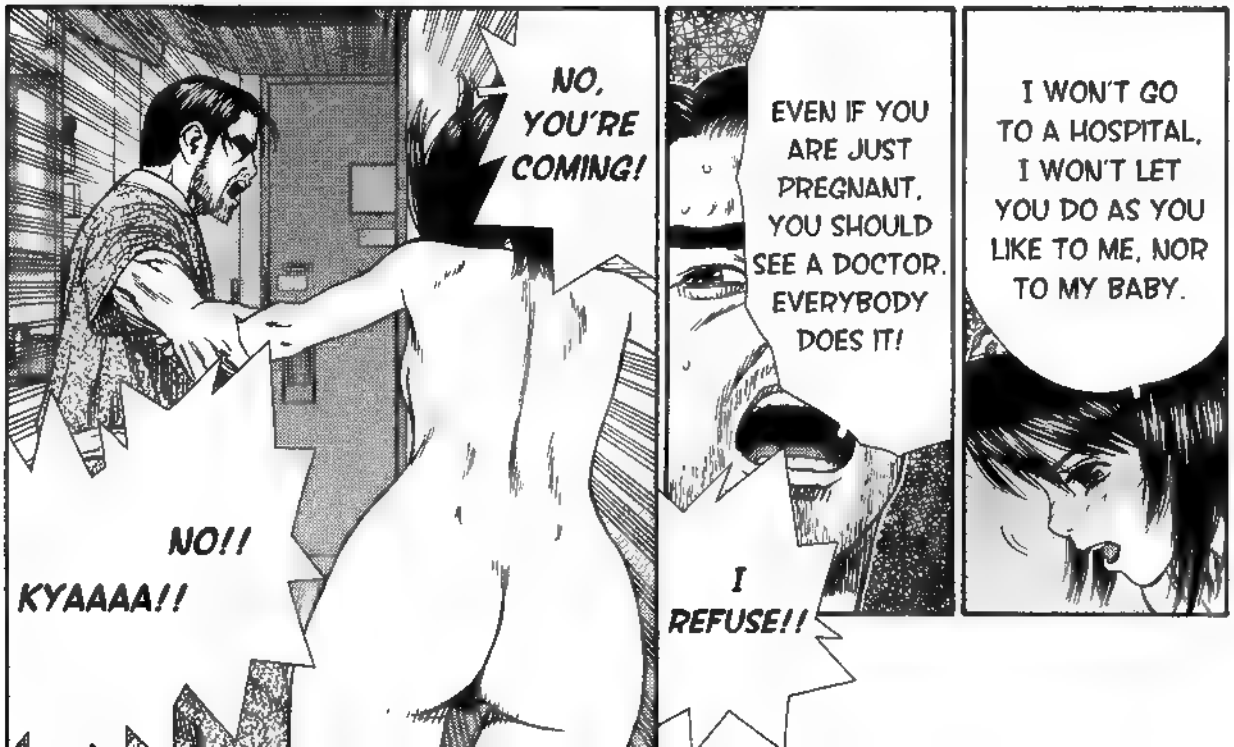
THANKS, SAEKO.
OF COURSE.

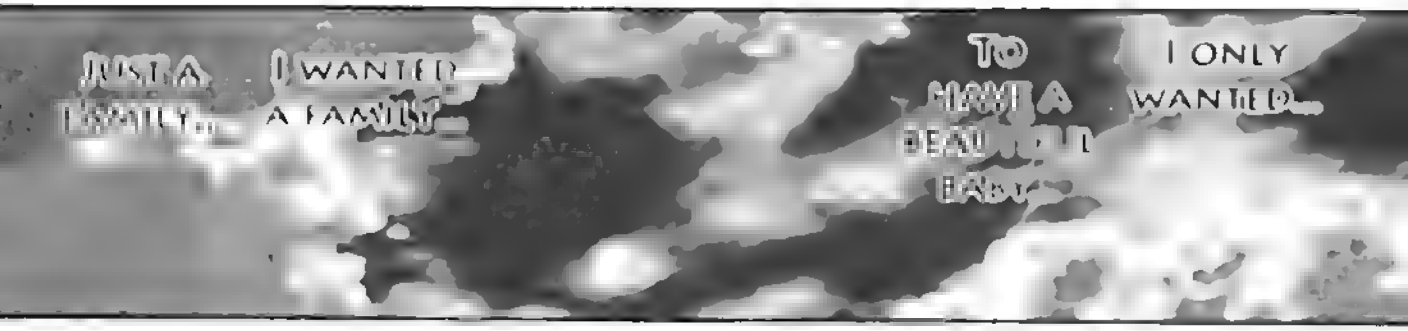
YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU MUST KEEP IT! WHAT A BASTARD THAT MA-TSUMURA IS!
WE'LL WORK AND RAISE HIM TOGETHER!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOUR BELLY IS SWELLING TOO FAST.
DON'T YOU FEEL ANY PAIN? NO BLEEDING?
THAT'S WEIRD..
YOU'VE GOT TO SEE A DOCTOR.


NO, YOU'RE COMING!
NO!! KYAAAA!!
EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST PREGNANT, YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR. EVERYBODY DOES IT!
I REFUSE!!
I WON'T GO TO A HOSPITAL, I WON'T LET YOU DO AS YOU LIKE TO ME, NOR TO MY BABY.

YOU AREN'T PREGNANT
WE FOUND A MALIGNANT TUMOR
WHAT'S MORE, IT GROWS ABNORMALLY FAST.
WHAT WE KNOW AS OF NOW IS THAT IT'S THE RESULT OF A GENETIC MUTATION.
WHAT'S MORE, A CYST IS DEVELOPING INSIDE OF IT. IT'S REALLY BAD.
YOU MUST BE HOSPITALIZED IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL FILL THE FORMS TOGETHER I'LL COVER THE COSTS.
I'LL NEVER GO.

NORIKO... YOU HAVE...
CANCER!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, NORIKO? IT'S A TUMOR!
YOU CAN'T BE CURED ALONE YOU WON'T SOLVE IT WITH AN ABORTION EITHER
WAIT... NORIKO!
NORIKO!


JUST A
FAMILY...
I WANTED
A FAMILY...
TO
HAVE A
BEAUTIFUL
BABY...
I ONLY
WANTED...

WHY
ARE YOU
DOING
THIS TO
ME...

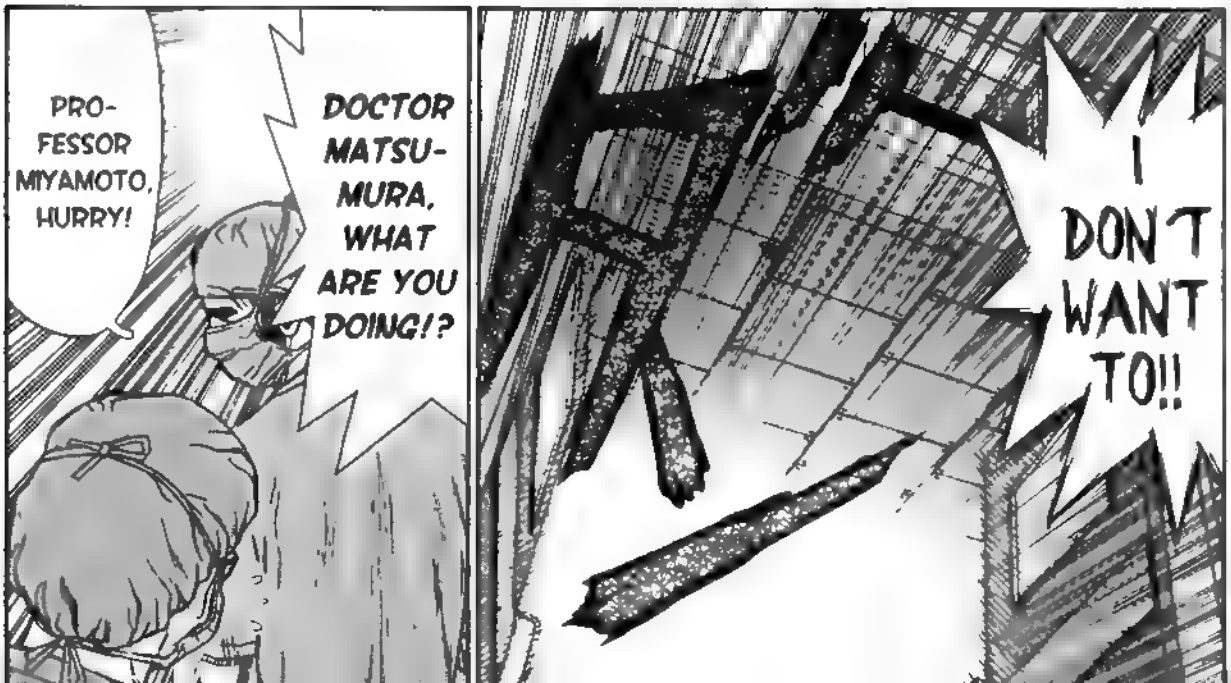
SHE LEFT THE DOOR OPEN
I'M COMING IN
NORIKO
ARE YOU HERE, NORIKO?
SAEKO...
I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING
I BOUGHT IT FOR YOU
HERE'S THE DRESS YOU WANTED
NO...
NORIKO...
NORIKO!

CLANG
AHH!!
KYAAAH!!

AHH...
YES...
SO NICE...
AND THAT MAKES ME HAPPY...
BECAUSE I FEEL ALIVE... THE WORLD WILL DISAPPEAR, BUT NOT ME...
I'M HAPPY...

NORIKO, I'M SO SORRY
EVERY-THING'S MY FAULT.
I COULDN'T FATHOM YOUR SUFFERING.
I'M UNFOR-GIVABLE AS A DOCTOR, BUT ALSO AS A HUMAN BEING.
IT'S A DEADLY SIN.
MATSU-MURA... I...
LISTEN, NORIKO...
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
I WASN'T ABLE TO BE CLOSE...
TO YOU WHO'S WITHOUT A FAMILY, ALL ALONE.
WHAT'S MORE, I THREATENED YOU INSTEAD OF COMFORTING YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO BE OPERATED ON...
YOU'RE IN THIS STATE BECAUSE OF ME...
GOD WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME, BUT...

NO!!
NOW...
WE'RE STARTING THE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE!!


PRO-FESSOR MIYAMOTO, HURRY!
DOCTOR MATSU-MURA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
I DON'T WANT TO!!

O... OKAY!!
WHAT?
WE'VE PASSED THE SIXTH PHASE!! WE NEED TO ANESTHE-TIZE!!
NO! NOOO!!
LET ME GO!!
I DON'T WANT TO!!
NO!!
DON'T... DON'T REJECT THE ANES-THESIA!!
DON'T BE STUPID! YOU MUST GET THIS OPERA-TION!!

IF YOU REFUSE, I'LL OPERATE WITHOUT ANY!

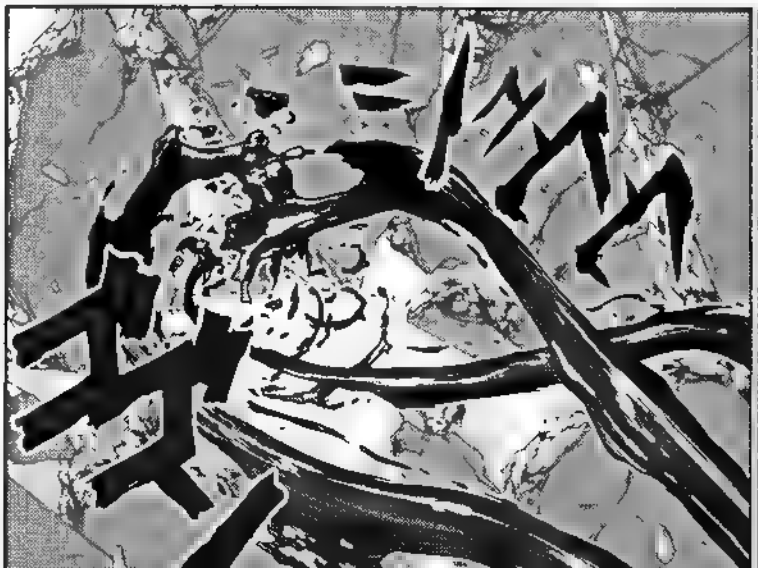
WE MUST DO A CAESAREAN SECTION FROM THE PERINEUM TO THE NAVEL.
LET'S DO THIS ABORTION!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT ?
WE'LL SOON REACH THE SEVENTH PHASE!

IT'LL BE BEYOND HOPE...
ONCE WE DO, NOTHING WILL WORK ANYMORE

MA... MATSU- MURA!!
WH... WHAT!? ABOR- TION!?

KYAAAH!
AAAH!
AHHH!
AH!
AHHHH!
SAEKO!?



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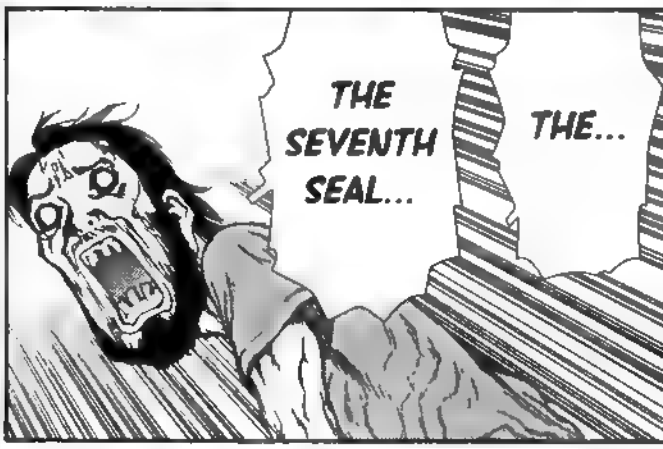
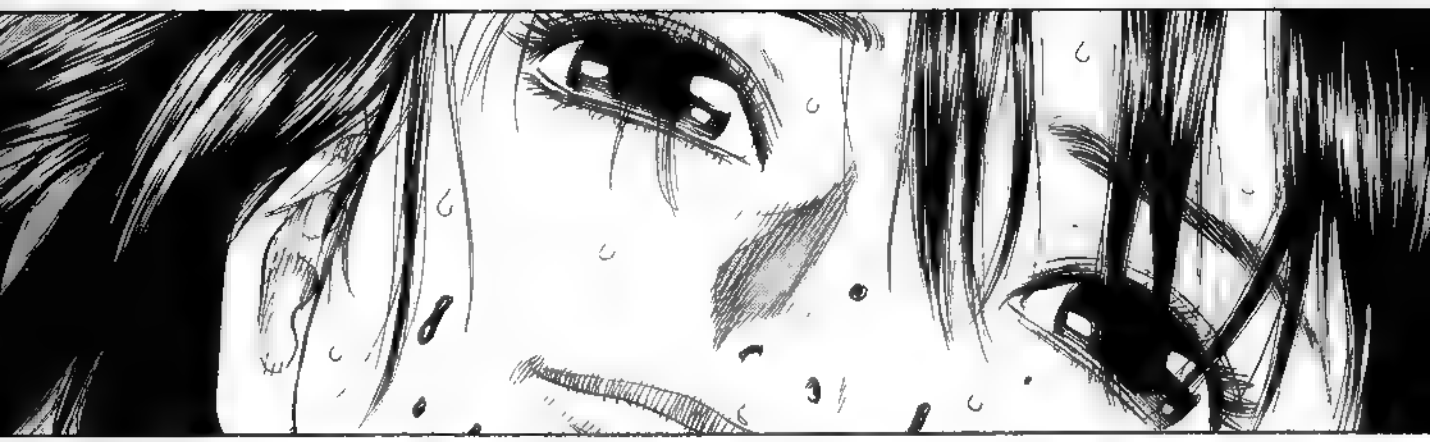
Kill...


THE SEVENTH SEAL...
THE...

I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever
I am... The Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.
I hold the keys of Death and Hades...

Here's my family...
Simulta-neously my mother and daughter...
Don't worry...



FROM CANCER?
ARE YOU... BORN. .

στέφανος

Stephanos

According to the Apocalypse, the Messiah's second coming
will begin upon the Lamb opening the book's seven seals.
When the seven seals will be lifted, seven judgement will occur.
Firstly comes the War, riding a white horse.
Next comes Strife, riding a red horse.
Next comes Famine, riding a black horse.
Next comes Pestilence, riding a pale horse.
And white robes were given unto the martyrs,
A great earthquake; and the sun became black
as sackcloth of hair.
And when the seventh seal will be opened, the woman will give birth
to the Messiah and will flee across a field whilst avoiding the red
dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with a Stephanos (crown)
upon each of his heads.
Then will befall the armageddon between Angels and Devils.

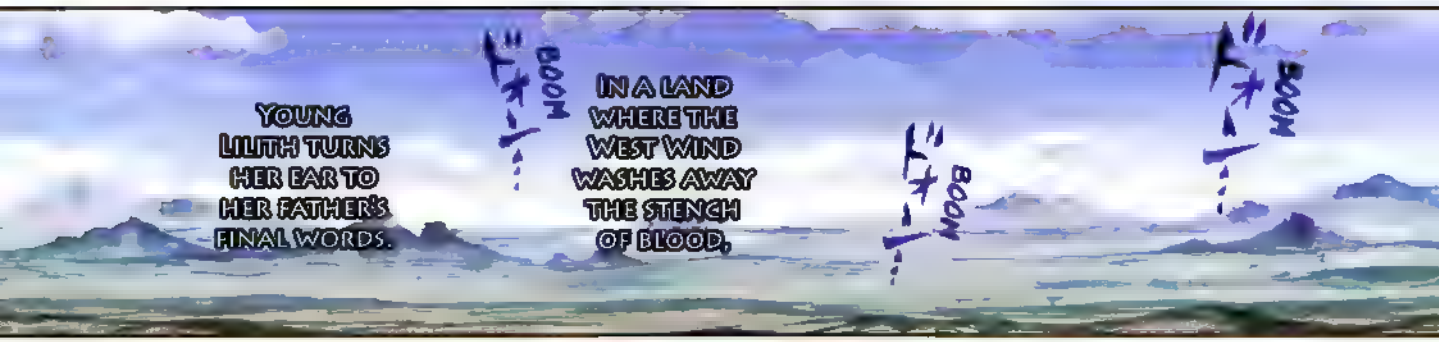
KENJI, INVENTION KING

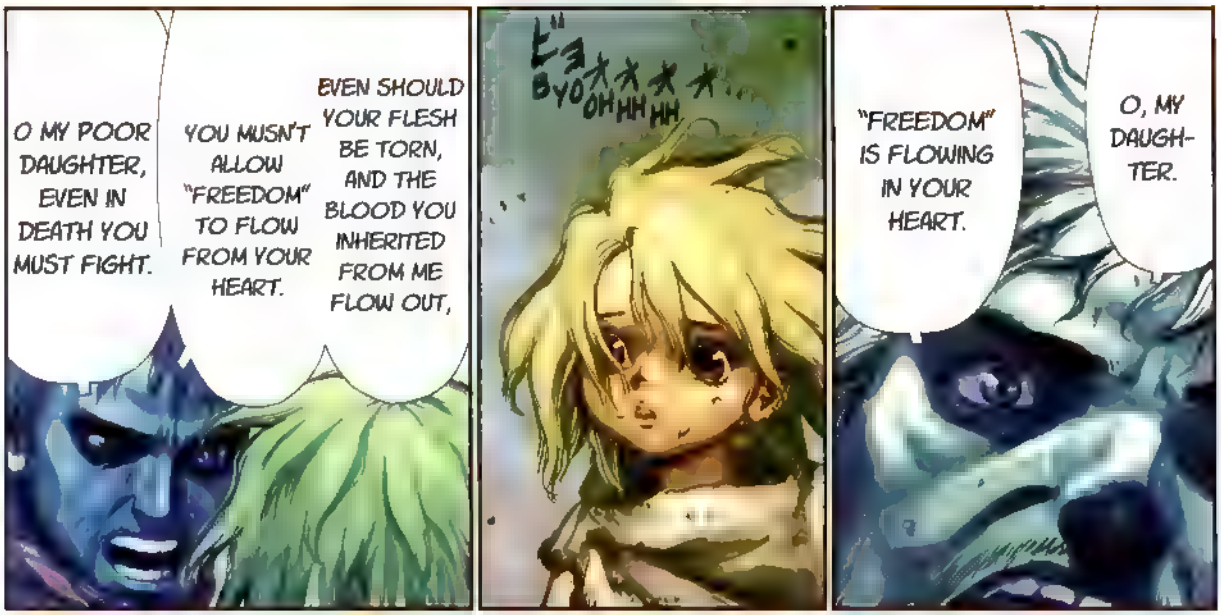
short SF

It's a story about Kenji Hirosue (14 years old), highschooler living in Hirai, in Tokyo's Dedogawa's district...
And about BO-1, the robot he built!
BO-1
What's for today's invention?
Mister Kenji!
TODAY I BUILT AN INSTANT-TOASTER!
WE LAUNCH AN ANTIPROTON AT LIGHT SPEED AGAINST A HYDROGEN'S CORE PART OF THE BREAD'S TARCH.
IT'LL CREATE A MICRO BLACK HOLE, WHICH WILL DISAPPEAR IMMEDIATELY. IN THE PROCESS, THE ENERGY EMITTED WILL BAKE THE BREAD PERFECTLY!

AND PUT THE CONTACT ON!
Cooking
PUT THE BREAD IN...
WHICH SWALLOWED THE EARTH, THE GALAXY AND ALL OUTER SPACE.
THE BLACK HOLE CREATED BY THE TOASTER LEAD TO A "BIG BANG."
KENJI IS BORN ONCE MORE AND AGAIN CREATED HIS INSTANT-TOASTER.
A NEW SPACE APPEARED AND EARTH WAS CREATED, THEN HUMANS.

PUT THE CONTACT ON!
MILK
Seems like the process forms a never-ending loop.
Then the Big-Bang...
KENJI, INVENTION KING/end

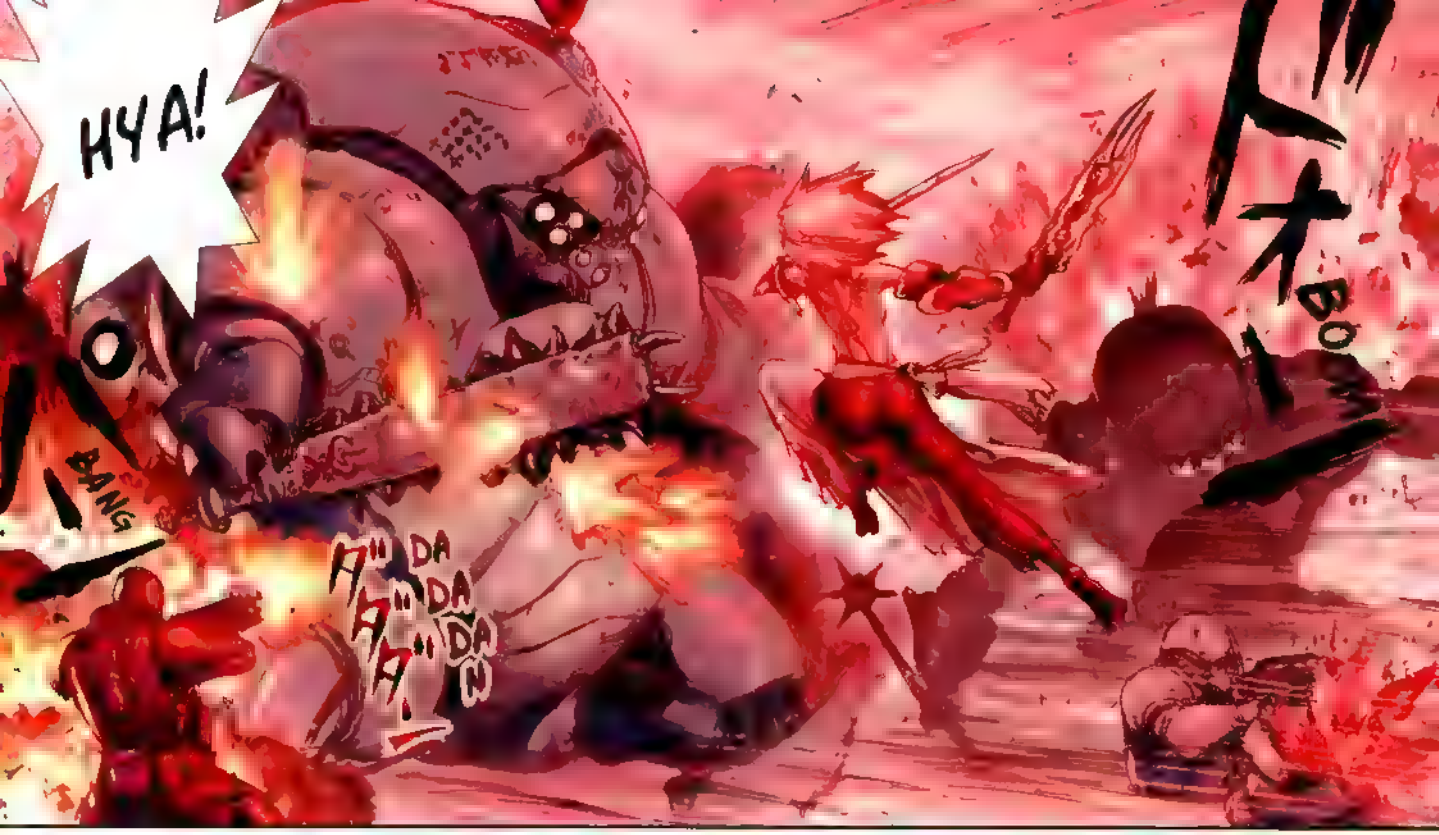

YOUNG LILITH TURNS HER EAR TO HER FATHER'S FINAL WORDS.
BOOM
IN A LAND WHERE THE WEST WIND WASHES AWAY THE STENCH OF BLOOD,
BOOM
BOOM

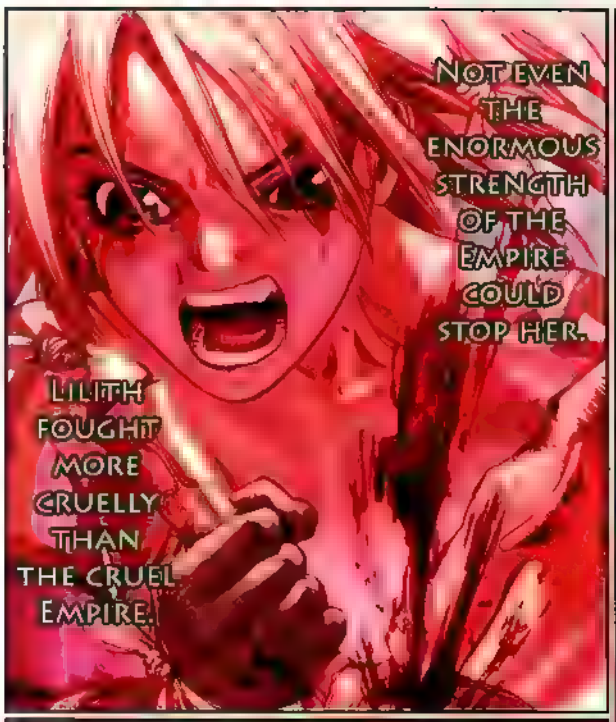

O MY POOR DAUGHTER, EVEN IN DEATH YOU MUST FIGHT.
YOU MUSN'T ALLOW "FREEDOM" TO FLOW FROM YOUR HEART.
EVEN SHOULD YOUR FLESH BE TORN, AND THE BLOOD YOU INHERITED FROM ME FLOW OUT,
BYOOHHH
"FREEDOM" IS FLOWING IN YOUR HEART.
O, MY DAUGHTER.

"THE GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND" WILL GRANT YOU FREEDOM.
IF YOU DO THIS, SOMEDAY

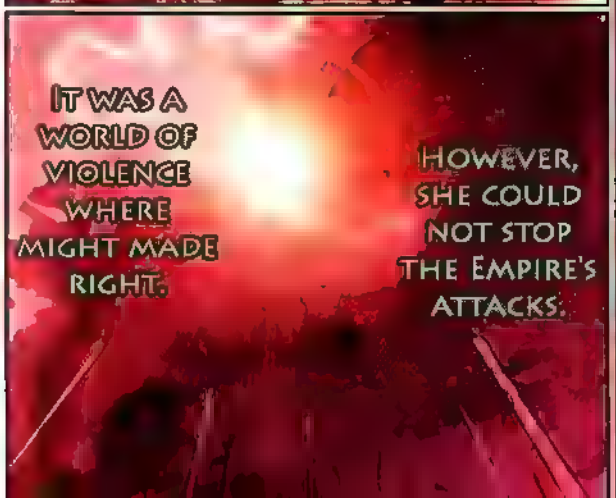
BOOM
BOOM

WHEN LILITH TURNED 14 SHE RALLIED THE PEOPLE AND CHALLENGED THE EMPIRE TO BATTLE.
YAA AAA AAA!
SLAY THEM ALL!!


HYA!
BANG
DA DA DA!
DA DA DA DA
BO


NOT EVEN THE ENORMOUS STRENGTH OF THE EMPIRE COULD STOP HER.
LILITH FOUGHT MORE CRUELLY THAN THE CRUEL EMPIRE.

THWUNK


IT WAS A WORLD OF VIOLENCE WHERE MIGHT MADE RIGHT.
HOWEVER, SHE COULD NOT STOP THE EMPIRE'S ATTACKS.

WHAT WAS THAT, BALDIE?
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU BELIEVE IN A FAIRY TALE LIKE THAT?
YOU DUMBASS!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND?" THE GODDESS WILL APPEAR AND COME TO SAVE US ANY DAY NOW!
THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND?"
IT'S OVER, WE CAN'T WIN... THE IMPERIAL ARMY IS LIKE THE DESERT SANDS, THEIR NUMBERS SHOW NO SIGN OF DECREASING
THE GOD-DESS OF THE NORTH WIND IS GONNA GIVE US "FREEDOM."
EH? HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT HER, BOSS?

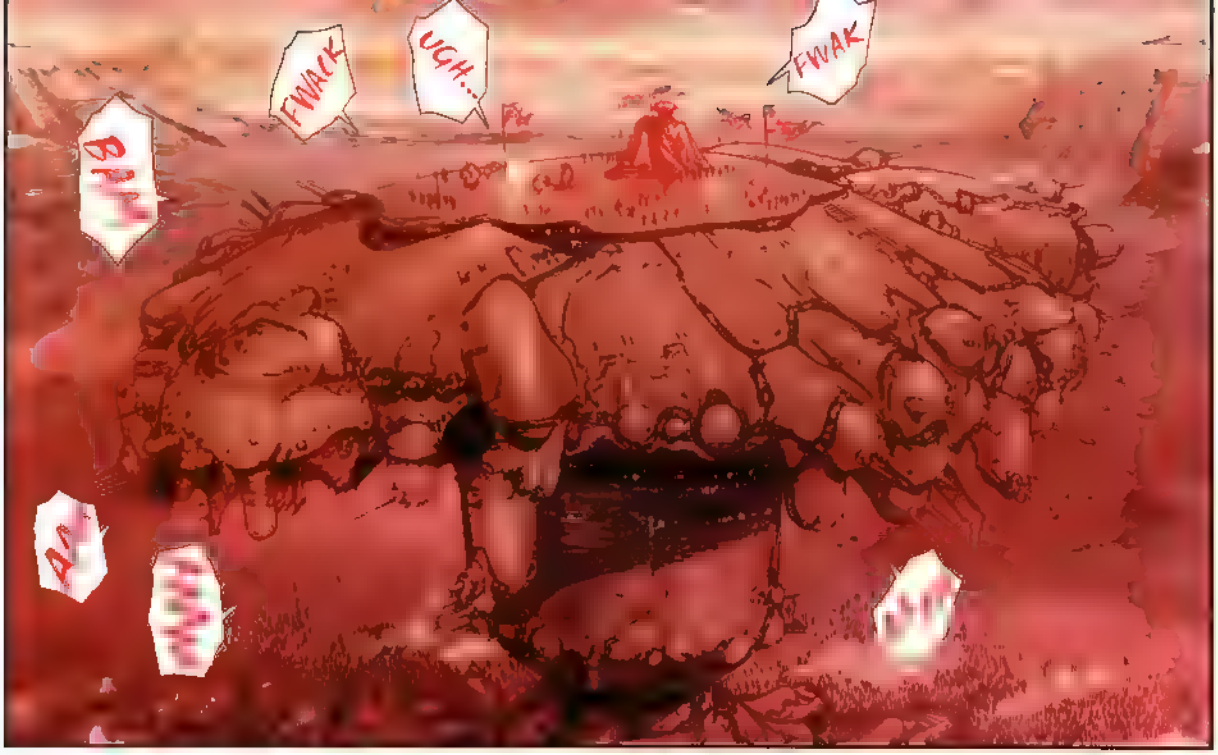
LILITH REMEMBERS WHAT SHE HEARD FROM HER FATHER.

WHEN THAT WIND GETS CLOSER AND CLOSER, AND THE NORTH WIND STARTS BLOWING LIKE CRAZY, THE GODDESS WILL COME OUT AND GIVE US THE DIADEM.

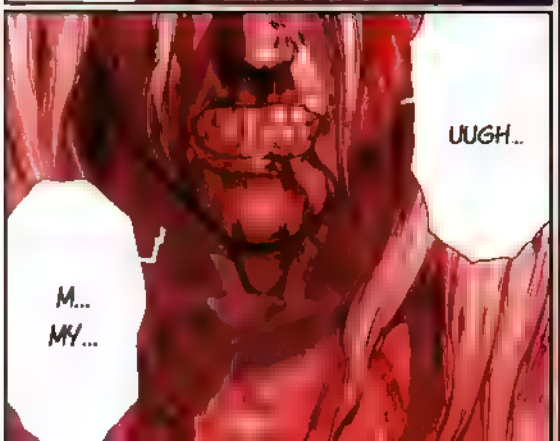
THAT SANDSTORM YOU SEE BEYOND THE NORTHERN HORIZON— THAT'S THE PROOF THAT THE GODDESS IS COMING.

AND FROM THAT POINT ON, LILITH FOUGHT BELIEVING THAT THE GODDESS WOULD APPEAR.
B-BOSS!
AAR GH!
GWA!
THWACK
WACK

THUD
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG


FWACK
UGH...
FWAK
BAM
AH

BUT YOU CONTINUE CASTING YOURSELF INTO A HOPELESS BATTLE.
YOU HAD, EVEN I WILL ADMIT, GREAT SKILL.
WHY?


UUGH..
M... MY...

AAH
AAH

EVEN IF YOU DRAIN OUT ALL MY BLOOD, MY HEART WILL NOT STOP BEATING!
BECAUSE "FREEDOM" IS FLOWING THROUGH MY HEART...!!
FATHER...
ズーン
ズーン

BOOM
KABOOM
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO

LILITH AWAKENED IN THE MIDST OF A TREMENDOUS MOUNTAIN OF ASH. AN INCREDIBLE TRUTH LAY BEFORE HER EYES.

WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLEW, THE EMPIRE DISAPPEARED ENTIRELY.

I AM NOT A GODDESS.

I AM ADAM, O LILITH.

YOU ARE... "THE GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND?"

THE GODDESS.

THE END

YOU ARE THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND."

PLEASE RECEIVE YOUR CROWN, O GODDESS.

THE PEOPLE TOLD THIS STORY:
THAT WHEN THE "GODDESS OF THE NORTH WIND" WAS HUMAN, LONG AGO...
IN HER HEART, "FREEDOM," NOT BLOOD, WAS FLOWING.
AND THAT SHE GAVE THE RIGHT TO ALL MEN TO HOLD FREEDOM IN THEIR HEARTS.

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